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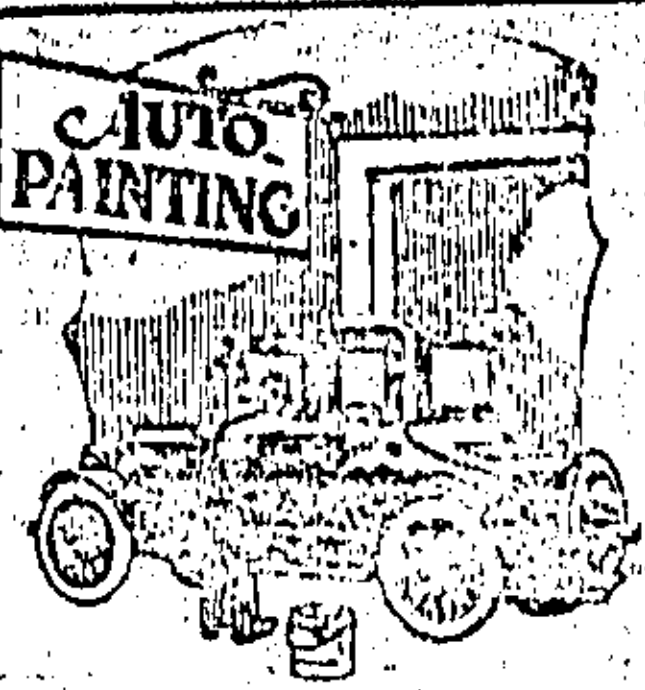
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CANTON TAKES PRECAUTION.

YESTERDAY'S ELABORATE MEASURES.

HOW FEARS OF UPRISING WERE EVIDENT.

DAY PASSES OFF QUIETLY.

So elaborate were the precautions taken by the Canton authorities yesterday to prevent anything in the way of a "Red" coup that the celebration of the anniversary of the Shakes affair passed off without incident. It is doubtful whether anything so thorough as the Government's action has even been taken before—proof that there were real fears of a determined attempt on the part of the Communists to regain control.

In addition to large forces of police, troops and detectives, the Canton authorities brought into use the fire engines, aeroplanes and even gunboats, which patrolled up and down the river. Special precautions were taken to prevent any of the demonstrators from reaching either Shamen or the Shakes Bund. In view of the fears of trouble, the number of demonstrators was smaller than expected.

An important announcement has been made on behalf of Marshals Feng Yu-hsiang and Chiang Kai-shek, the former stating that he is now a keen and enthusiastic supporter of Nationalism, that a drive upon Peking is soon going to be undertaken with all the forces under the Marshals' control, and that the entire Kuomintang is anti-"Red."

FENG NOW STAUNCH NATIONALIST.

Canton, June 23. To-day's demonstration to commemorate the Shakes shooting incident in which the "Reds" plotted to bring about a repetition of the events two years ago, passed off peacefully, due to the precautions taken by the military and police authorities.

Early this morning, martial law was proclaimed in the city by the Army Headquarters, and the Police Department was instructed to have the order carried out. Large numbers of motor-cars, manned by armed police were sent out to patrol the city, and the streets were lined with armed police and gendarmes.

Detectives were stationed at the different street corners. Special attention was paid to the defence of the East Parade ground where the mass meeting was held, and on Shakes and the Western Bund, where the "Reds" planned to break into Shamen.

At the corner of the West Bund and Luen Hing Street an armoured car was placed on duty for emergency purposes.

Hoses Ready. A fire-engine was detailed for duty in front of the Sun Company building.

According to the Police authorities' plan, if the demonstrators should force their way to Shakes, they would be first met by the fire-engine, if the hoses failed to keep the crowd away, the armoured car and the armed forces near the Customs House would take action.

The water-front was protected by five river gunboats, which patrolled here and there throughout the day.

Aeroplane flew over the city to see that nothing was omitted. The precautionary arrangements began at 6 o'clock this morning, and were completed before 10 o'clock.

The Mass Meeting. At noon, the mass meeting to celebrate the second anniversary of the "massacre" began on the East Parade ground. In view of the serious trouble anticipated, there was not a very large attendance of demonstrators.

The members of the Kwangtung General Labour Union, who usually form the majority at demonstrative movements, did not attend the meeting, in accordance with a previous decision. This was because that the labour "Reds" tried to create trouble with the members of the Kwangtung General Labour Union, the whites, and the Government suggested to the "Whites" that they should avoid attending the meeting in large number, as a result only a small number of representatives of the Kwangtung General Labour Union were present.

sent at the meeting. The other participants were mostly representatives from the various Kuomintang branches, members of the Workers Congress, soldiers and students.

After the usual speeches, shouting of watchwords, etc., the demonstrative parade was started. The demonstrators marched along the Wei Oi Maloo and then turned toward the Wing On Maloo leading to the Bund, from here the parade proceeded from east to west and upon arrival at Saihohau, the police force blockaded the maloo so as to avoid the demonstrators coming near Shamen or Shakes.

The procession then turned toward Saiwanyuan and here it dispersed.—*Nam Ching Pao.*

FENG'S PURPOSE.

Wholly A Nationalist.

Shanghai, June 23. Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, after conferring with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, at Hsuehchow, returned to Chenchow. It is understood that Feng has arranged with Chiang Kai-shek to clear Honan province of all the anti-Nationalists, and then attack the Northern forces along the Peking-Hankow railway.

Before leaving, Feng made a speech eulogising Chiang Kai-shek's firmness and fearlessness, which, together with the Three Principles, had resulted in the Nationalists' success so far, and which he averred could alone save China.

Concluding, Feng announced that his forces would fight to the uttermost for the success of the Nationalist revolution.

New Offensive.

It is reported that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has ordered a general offensive against the North, to commence on June 25. Marshal Wu Pei-fu is rumoured to have fled from Nanyang to Szechuan.—*Reuter.*

KUOMINTANG ANTI-"RED."

Feng's Latest Declaration.

Shanghai, June 24. Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang declares that the entire Kuomintang is anti-"Red" with the exception of the troops led by General Yu Yau-yin, Feng's chief subordinate, who is now Tsuchun of Shensi. General Feng has therefore given the Shensi chief a warning. General Feng has reported to Nanking that the Kuomintang Headquarters in Honan were formerly controlled by the "Reds" but they have been re-organized.

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NAVAL ENTENTE.

ANGLO-JAPANESE PACT DESIRED.

AMERICA IS OPTIMISTIC.

Tokyo, June 23. The *Japan Times*, commenting on the *Nichi Nichi* article, cabled earlier, warning Japan against a possible British attempt to form an Anglo-Japanese entente aimed against Russia, expresses views which some believe are inspired by the Foreign Office.

"We," says the *Japan Times*, "do not share the belief that the conclusion of some entente or understanding with England will necessarily be pregnant with international entanglements. On the contrary, an effective understanding or pact with that country in the Pacific is highly desirable: such an understanding, in fact, should form an integral part of the proposed disarmament agreement."—*Reuter.*

U.S. and Britain.

London, June 23. Following a conversation with the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. W. C. Bridgman, at Geneva to-day, the leader of the United States delegation, Mr. Hugh Gibson, told the Press that great progress was being made, and they were approaching nearer to an agreement on the major points.

He was now optimistic regarding the results, as the Americans, he added, had asked for a statement regarding the effect of the British proposals as to capital ships, and Mr. Bridgman had promised it for this evening.—*British Wireless.*

THE PETROLEUM SUPPLY.

GERMAN SYNTHETIC PRODUCT.

Amsterdam, June 23. At the annual meeting of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, the chairman, Sir Henry Detering, replying to a question, deprecated apprehension as regards the German dye industry's experiments in the manufacture of synthetic fuel.

He pointed out that the sale of synthetic spirit in Germany was only a very small percentage of the whole production.

U.S. Output.

Replying to a question with regard to over-production of oil, to which the recent annual report of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey had referred, Sir Henry Detering said the compulsory limitation of production in America was impossible owing to the anti-trust legislation.

Soviet Theft.

With regard to Russian competition, the chairman declared that the Soviet might sell cheaper petrol, but they had stolen it from the Royal Dutch company.—*Reuter.*

DAIL EXCLUSION.

DE VALERA'S FOLLOWERS HAVE TO LEAVE.

Dublin, June 23. The followers of De Valera have not been allowed to enter the Dail Chamber. They vigorously protested against the exclusion, and finally left Parliament House.

Meanwhile the Dail by 68 to 22 re-elected Mr. Cosgrave to be President of the Dail, the Labourites alone opposing him.

In view of the followers of De Valera declaring their intention to appear in Dublin in strength to claim their seats without taking the oath, the city was feverishly excited in anticipation of the opening of the Dail, and the streets were thronged. Civic Guards were posted in the vicinity of Parliament, and the neighbouring streets were closed to traffic.

The De Valerites, arrived in motor-cars inscribed "Abolish the Oath." Hitherto there has been no disorder, but on the contrary the crowds cheered the spectacle of the leaders of the opposing political forces proceeding to attend the vote in the Catholic church, where Archbishop O'Brien officiated and there was a vast congregation.—*Reuter.*

GERMANY DESIRES FREEDOM.

MILITARISM ALLEGATION RESENTED.

FRENCH VIEW CRITICISED.

Berlin, June 23.

The speech by M. Poincare on June 19, when unveiling the war memorial at Lunéville, in which he cited instances of alleged militarism in Germany, has received a vigorous reply from Dr. Stresemann in the Reichstag.

"What is M. Poincare's aim, the Ruhr policy or the Locarno policy?" demanded Dr. Stresemann. "One or the other is possible, but not both. We only want the restoration of German sovereignty. We want to be peaceful, but free."

He declared that Germany's disarmament "unto nakedness," with the guarantees supplied at Locarno, were the utmost that could be offered as regards security.

He emphasised that the reduction of the Allied troops in the Rhineland was the condition on which the signing of the Locarno treaty depended. "We are entitled to demand that the Allies carry out their solemn promise. It will become a question of confidence in the honesty of our co-signatories' intentions. It won't do to wait until German public opinion has lost patience in the matter."

Incidentally, Dr. Stresemann declared, he was confident Germany would be given a seat on the Mandates Commission in September, in accordance with the decisions of the League Council.—*Reuter.*

TRADE UNION BILL.

LABOUR MEMBER IS SUSPENDED.

London, June 23.

In the House of Commons, Sir T. W. H. Inskip moved the third reading of the Trade Union Bill. Mr. J. H. Thomas, moving the rejection, declared that the opposition would use their constitutional rights in the country to invite a mandate to remove the Bill from the statute book.

Mr. J. Maxton (Labour) described the Attorney General, Sir D. M. Hogg, as a political blackguard, whereupon the Speaker named Mr. Maxton, who was suspended by a vote of 146 to 73. He quietly left the House.—*Reuter.*

Third Reading Passed.

Later.

The House of Commons, after rejecting the motion by Mr. Thomas, passed the third reading of the Trade Union Bill by 354 to 139.—*Reuter.*

RUSSIANS IN ENGLAND.

HOME SECRETARY GIVES FIGURES.

London, June 23. In the House of Commons, replying to questions with regard to Russians connected with the Soviet Legation, trade delegation and Arcos, still remaining in England, Sir Wm. Joynson-Hicks said that all the 31 members of the Legation had gone except one, who had been warned to leave.

Out of 53 members of the trade delegation, 41 had gone, 6 had received final notice to go, and 6 had not yet been finally disposed of.

Out of 350 Russians employed by Arcos, and other trade organisations, with whose legitimate business activity the Government aimed to interfere as little as possible, 48 had left or were leaving.

The cases of the remainder were being examined individually and as rapidly as possible. Any of them attempting to engage in political activity would be immediately deported.—*Reuter.*

LORDS REFORM.

DEBATE CONCLUDES.

London, June 23.

The House of Lords has concluded its reform debate, and agreed to Lord FitzAlan's motion for changes, without a division.—*Reuter.*

£1,200 DAMAGES.

AWARD FOR BREACH OF PROMISE.

A SINGAPORE DEFENDANT.

Damages amounting to £1,200 and costs were awarded on May 27 in a breach of promise action before Mr. Justice Swift and a special jury in the King's Bench Division.

The plaintiff was Miss Agnes Graham, a typist of West Newport, Fifeshire. She sued Mr. James MacKechie, who is employed at the Singapore branch of a London firm.

It was stated that 4,000 love-letters had passed between the couple during their six years' engagement, but when he returned from the East Mr. MacKechie was accompanied by another woman whom he had since married.

Mr. Justice Swift, summing-up, said that although women now took a great share in the affairs of the day, the profession of marriage and housekeeping was still a highly honourable one.

Miss Graham alleged that she had arranged to marry Mr. MacKechie in October 1926, when he was due to return to England on leave from the Malay States, and spent £280 on a trousseau and household linen.

Mr. MacKechie, who up to October 1926, had written expressing his love for her and his desire to marry her, returned to England and wrote her a letter in which he expressed his unwillingness to marry her because in Singapore he had made the acquaintance of another woman.

He stated also that that woman had come to London to marry him. Mr. MacKechie, on Miss Graham's behalf, announced that the defendant was now married.

Mr. MacKechie, addressing the jury, said apart from the expense Miss Graham was put to in obtaining her trousseau, the jury were entitled to take into consideration the fact that she had waited during the best years of her life—from the age of twenty-three to thirty—to get married.

Advice About Frocks.

Mr. MacKechie took a great interest in the woman's frocks. He wrote: "I have just recollected that you will require petticoats out here because the sun is so strong."

He advised her to buy half a dozen pairs of white buckskin shoes, and wrote: "You will need at the very least fourteen afternoon dresses—more if possible."

Mr. MacKechie added that Miss Graham was prepared to reduce her claim to £180.

Miss Graham giving evidence, said she offered Mr. MacKechie his release from the engagement, but he emphatically refused it.

"We are not so young as we were," he stated in one of his letters. "We are about two years behind the time to marry. I know you have a dread of becoming old, but I am getting old, too. That will not make any difference to our mutual love. I want you and you only. I know a treasure when I have one."

Miss Graham added that when the defendant got back to England she waited a week and no news came. Then she received a letter from him in which he told her he could not marry her because of another woman.

Miss Graham said she had been collecting her trousseau since 1920, and had accumulated a great deal of household linen acting on Mr. MacKechie's suggestions. The dresses she had made were now out of date.

Mr. Justice Swift suggested that she had only to cut off a bit to make them up to date. (Laughter.)

Miss Graham said the dresses were made especially for the East. They were of no use in Scotland.

She added that the defendant promised her solicitors that in view of his conduct he would not go to West Newport, and thus save her feelings, but instead he spread it about that although the engagement had been broken off for eighteen months she begged him to renew it, which was an untruth. In reply to Mr. Elliot Batt, Miss Graham stated that defendant was three months older than she was.

Summing up, Mr. Justice Swift remarked that there was no difference in English law between a contract to marry and a contract to buy sacks of flour.

There were people who took the view that an engagement to marry should be a probationary period, in which either of the parties should be allowed to retract if they desired.

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MOTOR-CAR HELD UP BY ARMED MEN.

CHINESE GIRLS ROBBED OF JEWELLERY.

SINGAPORE'S NEW MENACE

From holding up pedestrians and ricksha passengers Chinese bandits in Singapore are now giving their attention to motor-cars. What at one time was exclusive to the moving picture screen is now becoming daily actualities in the streets and roads of Singapore.

Armed with the latest pattern revolvers, pistols, automatics and daggers, bands of criminals swarm the streets doing almost what they please. Hardly a day passes without a record of some crime of violence, comments a Straits paper.

The calm country roads which run through the island are much used by joy riders, but will no more be so popular, as there is a danger of being held up and robbed by armed gangsters.

Three Chinese girls who were in the company of Tan Ah Tee, of 140, Cross Street, in a motor-car towards the early hours of last morning, were the victims of a daring hold up.

In the course of their moonlight drive they were going along West Coast Road, Pasir Panjang, when the powerful headlights of the car were blocked by two figures standing near the junction of Ulu Pandan Road. Not suspecting any danger the party drove on when their amazement two men stepped on to the road and held the car up.

As soon as the driver pulled up the two Chinese stepped close. One drew a revolver and the other a dagger. It was soon obvious what their mission was, and the women did not take long to hand over whatever valuables and cash they had. In all nearly five hundred dollars worth were passed on to the robbers, who signalled the car to continue.

Immediately the car started up, the man armed with the revolver fired a shot at a tyre, which however it did not penetrate. Needless to say, the car drove on at top speed to the nearest police station where a report was made.

Vigorous efforts are being made by the police authorities to trace the robbers.

TRADE WITH CHINA.

EFFECT OF PRESENT SITUATION.

London, June 23.

In the House of Commons, replying to Comdr. Kenworthy, Sir P. Cunliffe-Lister gave figures showing that the imports to the United Kingdom from China, excluding Hongkong, Macao and the leased territories, for the first three months of 1927, were £3,319,000, compared with £3,358,000 in the corresponding period of last year.

The exports from the United Kingdom to China were £3,549,000, compared with £3,712,000.

The exports to Hongkong were £1,221,000, compared with £324,000. Any considerable improvement in Sino-British trade, he said, must depend on the re-establishment of order in China.—*Reuter.*

MORE SOVIET DEATH SENTENCES.

TRIAL OF BORDER ROBBER GANG.

Moscow, June 23.

Ten persons have been executed and 19 imprisoned, as a result of the trial in the District Court at Korsten, Ukraine, of a gang accused of robberies and murders in the neighbourhood of the Polish border.

It is declared that the murderers fled to Poland after each crime.—*Reuter.*

SOUTH AFRICAN FLAG.

THIRD READING OF CHANGING BILL.

Cape Town, June 23. The Assembly has passed the third reading of the Flag Bill, whereby a new South African flag is proposed, the design dropping the Union Jack entirely, to be made the subject of a national referendum.—*Reuter.*

WIMBLEDON PLAY.

"OUR BETTY" BEATS MRS. MALLORY.

MOST BRILLIANT GAME.

The outstanding feature of play at Wimbledon yesterday, was the victory of Miss Betty Nuthall, the 16-years old English player, over Mrs. Mallory, of America, by 2/6, 6/2, 6/0.

There was alternating sunshine and shadow and a very large crowd. At the centre court, a packed arena breathlessly followed the match between Miss Nuthall and Mrs. Mallory, and there were alternating sighs and cheers as "Our Betty," after a very uncertain start, played the most brilliant game of her career. Wimbledon has never seen a more popular victory.

Miss Nuthall, after over-driving in the first set, won the second with immeasurably superior forehand driving, while in the third set she gave a wonderful all-round display, being especially imprugable on the back hand and making spectacular volleys.

Tilden was a most interested spectator and when asked his opinion he replied, "The kid played beautiful tennis." Mrs. Mallory said she was prepared for defeat as she knew how good Miss Nuthall was. Mrs. Mallory heartily congratulated her conqueror.

Miss Nuthall said "I really did not expect to win, and thought she would get away with it in the first set. But I was determined to fight."

Men's Singles.

Borotra (France) beat Higgs, (the British Davis Cup player), 6-1, 2-6, 1-6, 6-2, 6-2.

In the third round, Cochot (France) beat Kleinschroth (Germany) 7-5, 9-7, 6-0; Lacoste (France) beat Mackintosh (Britain), 6-0, 6-2, 6-2; Timmer (Holland) beat Landry (France), 7-5, 6-4, 3-6, 8-6; D. Greig (Britain) beat H. Lester (Britain) 3-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; Tilden (America) beat Hughes (Britain) 6-3, 6-4, 6-0; Hunter (America) beat A. Lowe (Britain), 6-2, 8-6, 6-3.

Ladies' Singles.

Miss Betty Nuthall (Britain) beat Mrs. Mallory 2-6, 6-2, 6-0, and in the third round Miss Ryan (America) beat Mrs. Broadbridge (Britain), 6-2, 6-3; and Miss Harvey beat the French Champion Mademoiselle Contostavlos, 6-4, 6-4. Ten out of the last 10 women left in the Ladies' Singles Championship are Britishers, youth being well represented by the Misses Nuthall, Fry and Colyer. The foreign challenge has now been reduced to the Misses Wills and Ryan (America), Miss Bouman (Holland), and Signorita de Alvarez (Spain). The last-named is the first to enter the last eight, she defeating Mrs. Mavrogordato by 6-3, 6-0.

Ladies Doubles.

In the first round of the Ladies Doubles, the Misses Wills and Ryan beat Mrs. Whitley and Miss Welch, 6-3, 6-2.—*Reuter.*

REPORT DENIED.

CONCERNING AN ALLEGED PIRACY.

We are informed by the Asiatic Petroleum Company that there is no truth in the report that the power-lifter Tai Ping Shan was pirated at Wang Moon on Monday. "The lighter was not touched in any way and she is now safely at Wuchow," said an A.P.C. representative this morning.

The report which appeared in most of the vernacular papers yesterday morning (and which we repudiated) stated that the boat was boarded by pirates who held up the crew at the pistol point, that the boat was seized and the men kidnapped.

CASE OF THE BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

FINAL APPEAL BEING HEARD.

Paris, June 23. The Court of Cassation has begun the hearing of the final appeal in the case of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, and has heard the report of court counsel. It adjourned the examination of the appeal until to-morrow.—*Reuter.*

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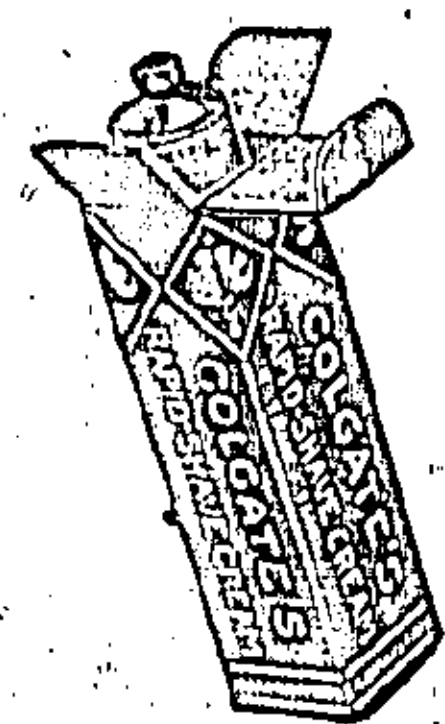
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THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE
DISTRICT OFFICERS FOR 1926.

Reporting on the Northern District of the New Territories for 1926, Mr. J. A. Fraser, the District Officer, says *inter alia*:

Afforestation.—(a) Planting. A new afforestation scheme was approved for 1927, to encourage local enterprise in growing pine-trees. At this date, 300,000 seeds have been planted under the scheme and there should be no difficulty in increasing this number next year.

(b) Hill fires. During the winter 1926-27 only five hill-fires, of which at least one was accidental, were reported. Widely distributed notices pointing out the dangers of hill-burning, with immediate police enquiry, followed by investigation by the District Officer seem to have a good effect.

Communications.—(a) Ferries. An additional ferry launch was run between Tai-po and Sha U Chung (Chinese Territory) from August to December, and a second launch is now plying between Hongkong and Castle Peak.

(b) Roads. The last section of the Shatouk road was completed early in the year, and the road came at once under heavy traffic. There was on the whole little crime in the District. More regular traffic supervision increased the number of traffic cases, but there was a decrease in other directions. The number of tree-cutting cases early in 1926 was low, and there were none at all in the latter part of the year. An attempt to cut a large number of wild trees near Fung Yuen was promptly dealt with, and voluntary compensation made for damage done.

The system of Verrey-light signals distributed to village-guards, begun in 1925, worked well in giving early warning of attempted robberies. Every case where these lights were used, the police turned out promptly, but it is still early to say whether the system has a real effect in discouraging this type of crime.

(c) Development areas. While owing to disturbed conditions over the border, rural development flourishes, the lowest level of the slump in semi-urban areas seems to have been passed, and there is a slight demand for modern houses near Tai-po, Fanling and Yuen Long. Speculation in these areas is almost entirely at a standstill. Rents in Yuen Long are high, and further development there may be expected.

(d) Rural Districts. Increasing number of re-assessments in village areas, and sales of new house-sites in rural districts, still unable to keep pace with the influx of Chinese from over the border, and collections of marshes are springing up in various places, notably at Ngau Tam Mei, Chuk Yuen, Chui Kang and Castle Peak. The newcomers are Chung Lok or Wai Chau Hakka cultivators with a sprinkling of Ba Yuen people. It is a healthy sign that some of these marsh-dwellers have applied for land, and are building houses.

On the cessation of the Canton boycott in October, normal intercourse with Chinese Territory was resumed, but determined attempts to circulate anti-British propaganda notices within our border made it necessary to take additional measures for policing the frontier, especially at Lo Wu and Shatouk. Industries. (a) Brick-making. Native brick kilns have had an unusually prosperous year, but those with modern plant at Castle Peak and Lo Wu have found it hard to carry on, as the market for their wares (mainly Hongkong) is still very dull.

(b) Fisheries. Fishing in the Eastern part of the Territory was only fair. On account of disturbed conditions in China, boats did not go far afield, and the local fishing grounds were taxed to their utmost. A large number of fish in ponds on the Western side of the Territory were destroyed by drought.

Local administration.—A number of (Taz Yi) or "Head-boroughs," were appointed District Officer with advice in matters of local interest or dispute. The appointment, which is honorary, lasts a year, and confers a valued recognition on the long and faithful service rendered by men without whose help the thirty years' successful administration of the District would have been, if not impossible, at least a much more difficult and onerous task.

A new market building has been completed at Yuen Long, on ground reclaimed and drained by local enterprise, and the available open space at Tai-po Market is being levelled and surfaced to take the

THREE EXECUTED.

PERSIAN OFFICIALS TAMPER
WITH DOCUMENTS.

Tehran, July 23.
Three War Office officials found guilty of tampering with important documents and codes have been executed. The death sentence on a fourth, who is the son of a member of the Majlis, was commuted to fifteen years.—*Reuter*.

stalls which now on market days crowd the narrow streets.

Produce.—(a) Rice. The first rice crop was successful in most parts of the District, but about a quarter of the second crop, which was late, was destroyed by rain.

Rice-growing, while here limited only by the area available for cultivation, depends in a great measure on man-power and water-supply; where either of these factors is lacking, the ground goes out of cultivation. Broadly speaking, every possible acre of ground is planted with rice.

Private enterprise, fostered by Government, has over a long period reclaimed large areas from the sea for rice-growing, and converted many stretches of marsh into good first and second class paddy-land. The local agriculturalist is not slow to avail himself of any means of increasing his area for rice-production, and the return justifies the outlay, so new ground continues to be broken in. Later, low, and formerly unused has again been cultivated, and there is at present a certain amount of unauthorized encroachment on Crown land for precarious agriculture which it is difficult to trace, and which may later disappear.

Vegetables.

That all has not been done that might be done in producing vegetables for Hongkong is shown by the recent large increase in this kind of cultivation. Castle Peak, Shatin and other places have for some years produced vegetables, but the difficulty and cost of transport has prevented the general spread of this industry, to which however, no better encouragement could have been given than the withdrawal of custom from the market during the recent boycott. As an immediate result, larger areas than usual at Pingshan were under vegetables throughout the winter of 1926-27, and even some rice-land now produced them as a main crop. The gradual return to normal trade conditions has, as was anticipated, caused a slight falling-off in vegetable-growing which, however, appears to have come to stay. Market-gardens are diminished in some cases by companies with agencies in Hongkong. The stimulus for this industry seems to come naturally from Hongkong, whence buyers come out to the country, and make their own arrangements for transporting the vegetables they buy to the town. Vegetable-growing in the Territory depends entirely on the state of the market and the cost of transport. It is noteworthy that nearly all the vegetable seed used comes from Chinese Territory.

(c) Fruit, except pineapples, is mostly grown for local consumption. The Botanical and Forestry Experimental Garden at Fanling has done something to popularize certain fruits, for example an easily-grown and large papaya, which may now be found at Castle Peak and elsewhere.

Ginger.

The continued difficulty of getting supplies of ginger from Canton this year secured a market for the local product, which though small and less succulent than its up country neighbour, commanded a good price, selling in August at \$11.00 a picul and later in September at \$9.00 a picul. 2,000 piculs in the Tai-po area fetched about \$15,000 and 6,000 piculs at Yuen Long about \$43,000.

(d) **Laichos.** The laichee crop was a total failure throughout the District, on account of bad weather which destroyed the blossom.

(f) **Pineapples.** The area under pineapples increased slowly but definitely, and a complete check of the ground occupied for pineapple-growing was undertaken during the year.

(g) **Cattle.** Little or no cattle-rearing for food is done in the Territory. Although under prevailing conditions a certain number of locally-bred animals find their way to the markets, most of the cattle sold in Hongkong come from Chinese territory. A scheme to rear cattle on the slopes of Tai Mo Shan was mooted, but owing to unfavourable economic conditions did not mature.

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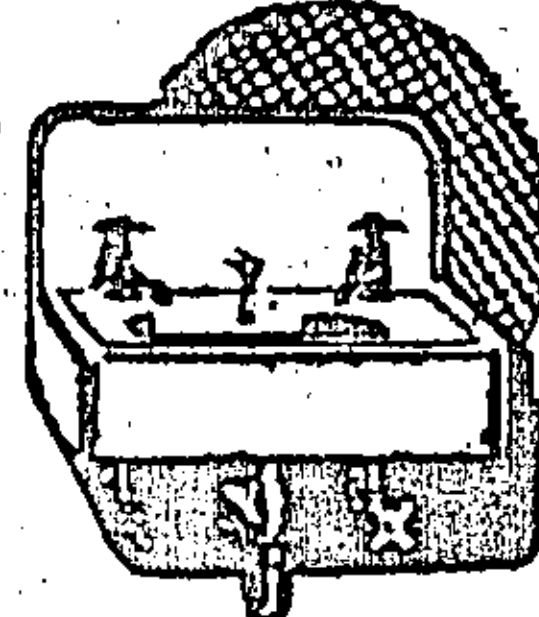
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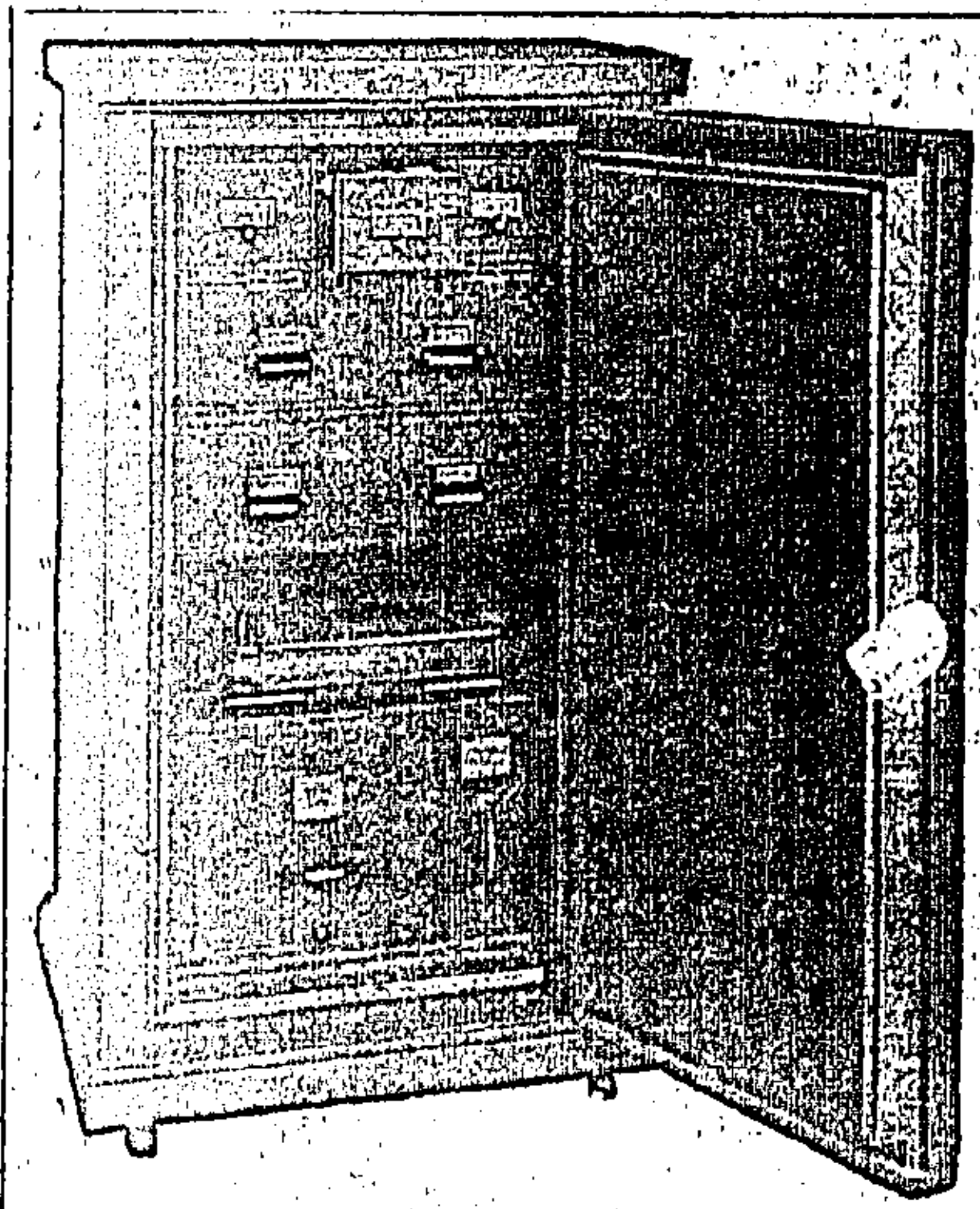
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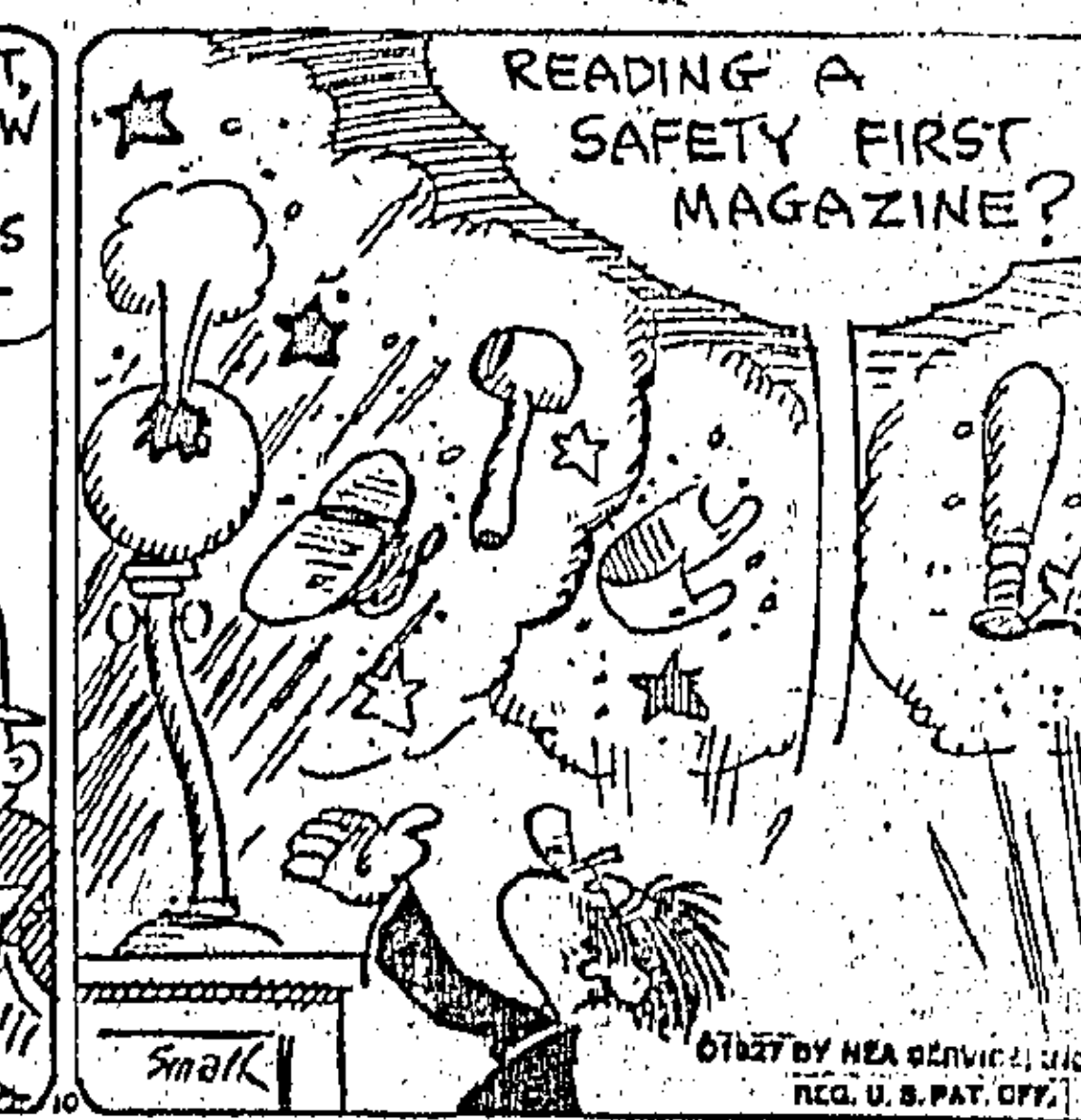
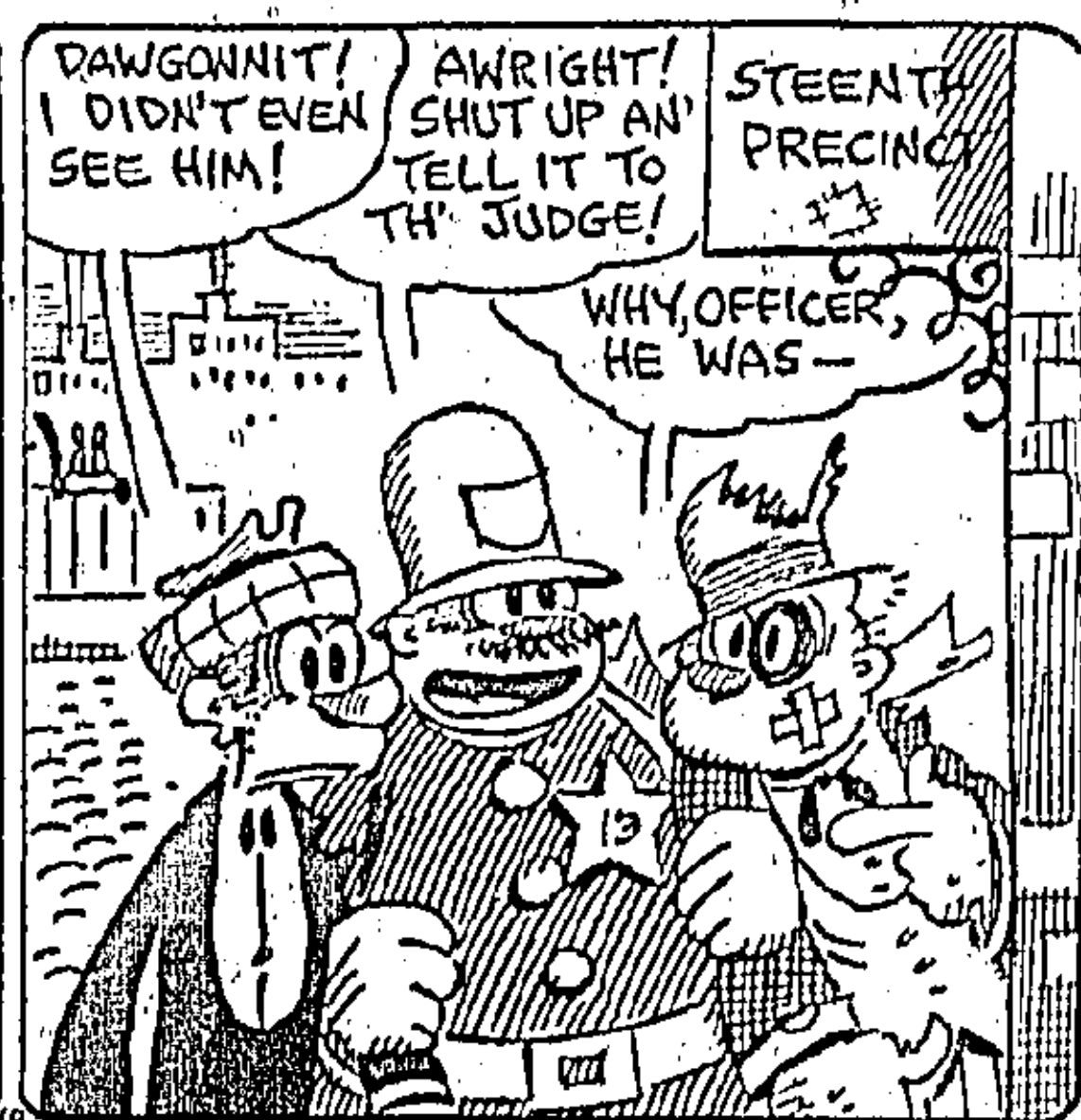
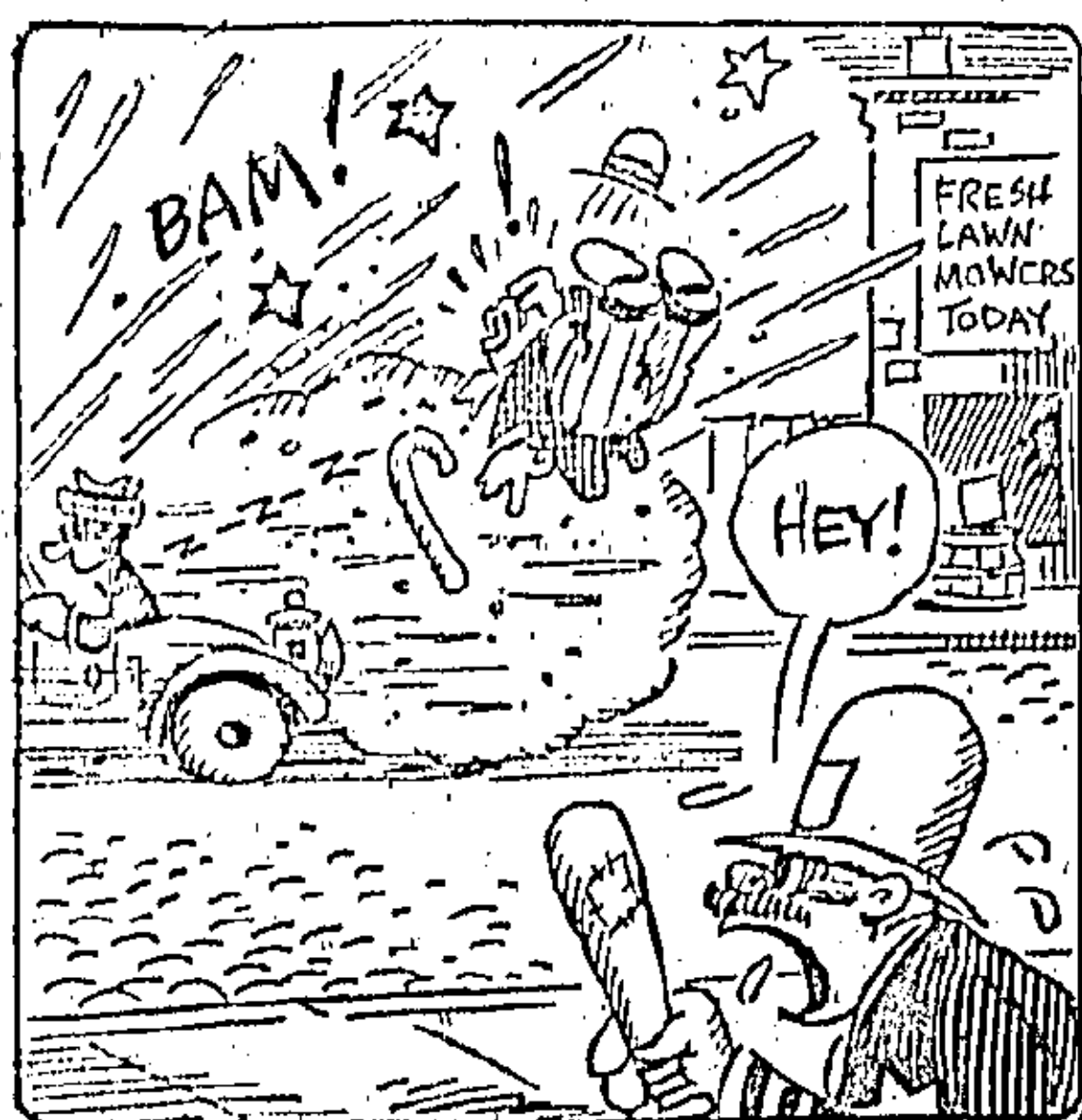
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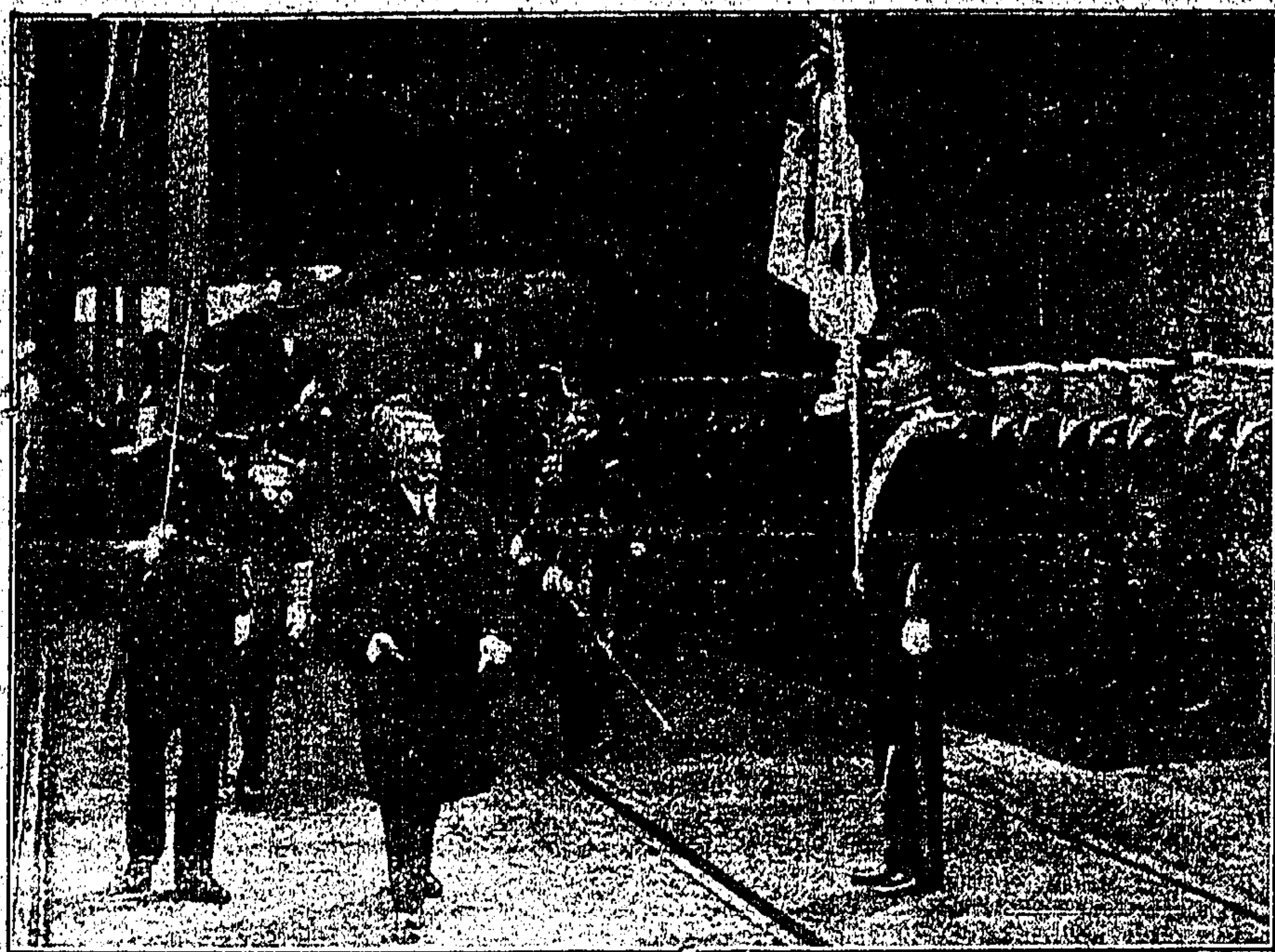


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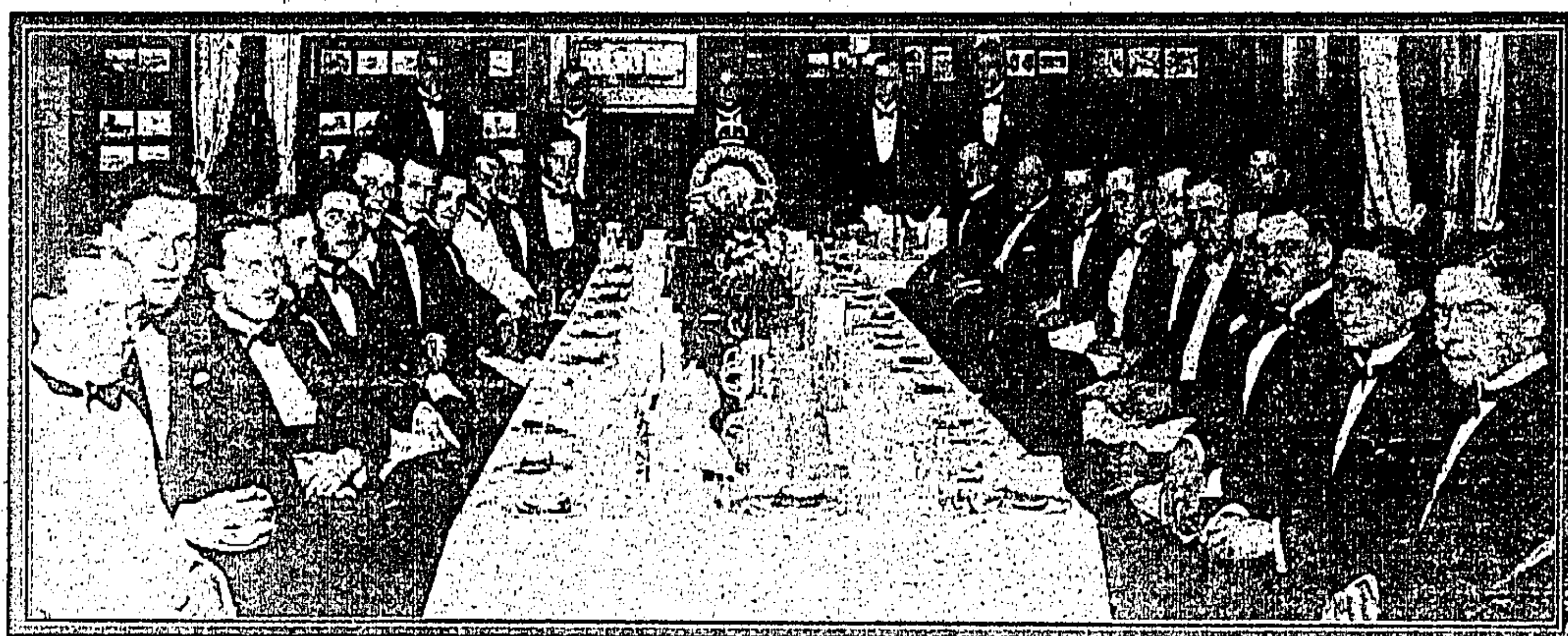
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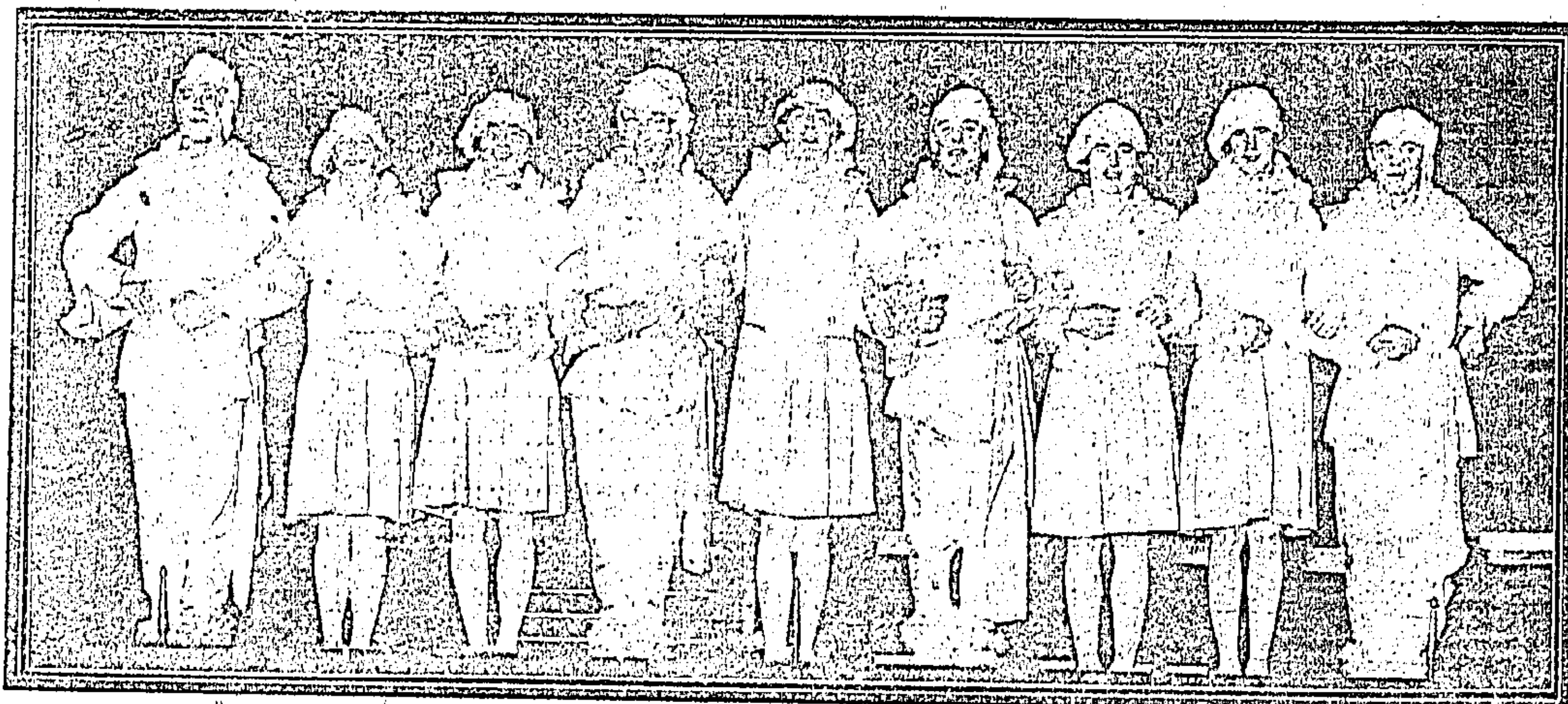
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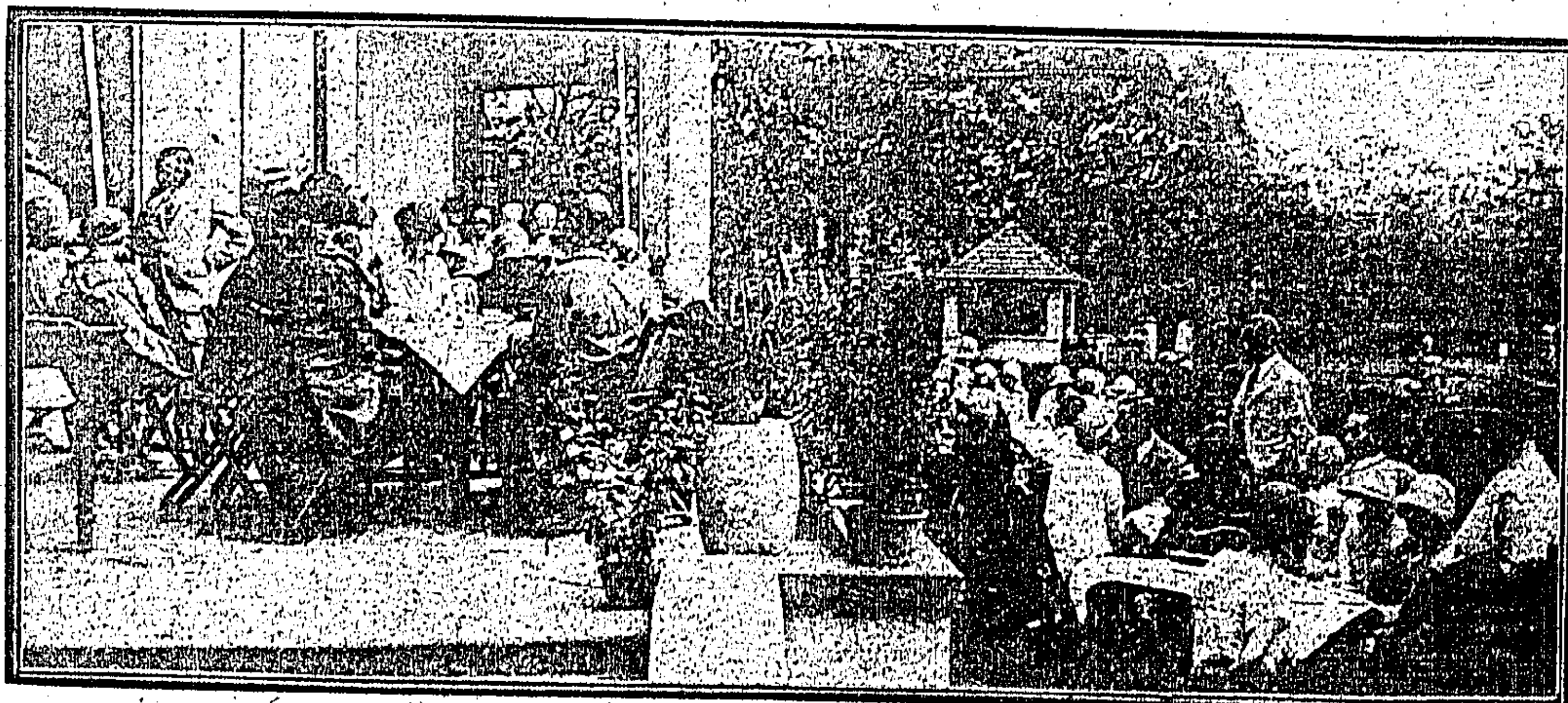
ROYAL AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION DINNER.—The above photo was taken at the R. A. F. A. 8th annual dinner, held in the dome of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, Shanghai, where the headquarters of the Association are situated.



ANOTHER RECORD.—While Acosta and Chamberlin were smashing the world's endurance flight record at New York, Lieutenant George R. Henderson, Navy pilot, attained an altitude of 24,303 feet over Anacostia, D. C., with a useful load of 500 kilograms—the highest a seaplane has ever ascended with such a burden. Henderson is seen above after his flight.



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SEEN AT B. W. A. AT HOME.—The verandah and garden at 273 Avenue Huji, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. O. Liddell, where the "at home" given by the Chairman and Executive Committee of the British Women's Association, Shanghai, was held.



CHIANG KAI-SHEK.—This photograph shows Marshal Chiang in his business-like outfit, and was taken recently, after the fall of Shanghai to the Nationalists.

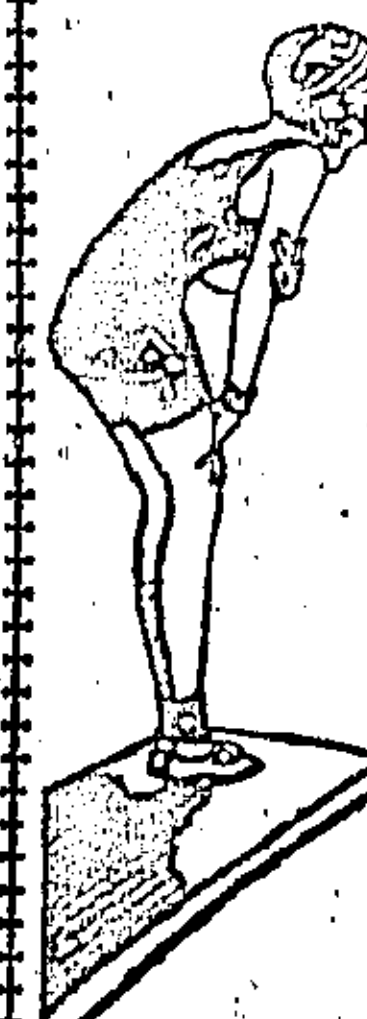
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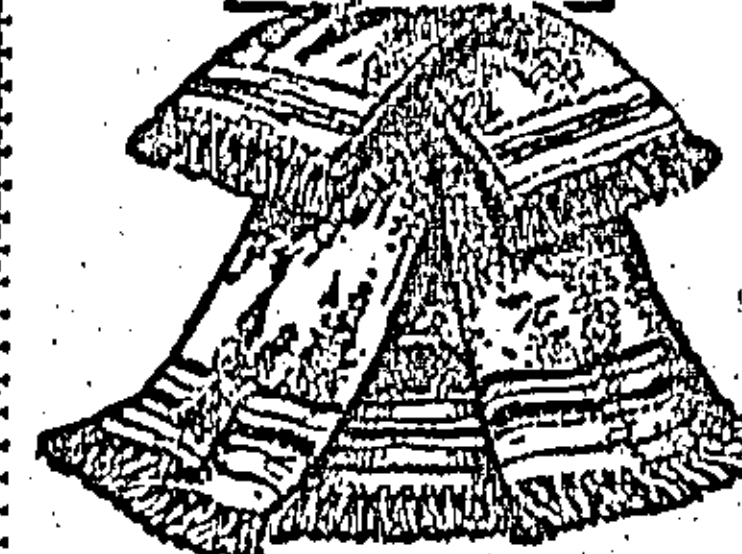
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Hongkong, 23rd June, 1927.

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By Order,

S. W. CHENG,

Secretary.
Macao, 19th June, 1927.

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The Fifth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 25th June, 1927, commencing at 3.15 p.m.

The first bell will be rung at 2.45 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1- for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5- each up to Friday 24th June, 1927.

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Walker's invention was the lucifer match, the phosphorous match not being invented until 1831. He never divulged the chemical composition of his matches, and refused to patent them, saying that it wasn't worth while, "considering the simple and trifling nature of the article."

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TROOPER CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER.

Trooper Allan Burgoyne appeared before the Aldershot Magistrate in mail week charged with the attempted murder of James Betts, of the Welsh Guards, at Aldershot, on May 4.

A sensation was caused when the prosecutor was borne into the Court on a stretcher by the police and Cambridge Hospital orderlies. The stretcher was laid on the solicitor's table before the Bench and the prosecutor took the oath lying prone.

On Wednesday, May 4, he said he went to the South-Western Hotel, Aldershot, and amongst others he saw there accused, whom he knew by sight. He had no conversation with him at the hotel, which he left with Miss Holden, a barmaid, with whom he went for a walk.

While he was in her company he saw accused coming towards him. When a few yards away Burgoyne made a rush at him and kicked him in the stomach. Witness said something to him but he was not quite clear what the words were that he used. Accused went off saying that he would be back again.

Witness saw him, as a matter of fact, later on when he passed witness and Miss Holden. He said something to witness and witness went after him.

Accused then turned round and witness saw he had a revolver in his right hand. Witness attempted to knock his arm up and then Burgoyne pointed the revolver at him and fired. Witness felt something strike his cap, and when he took it off he found a hole through the peak.

He tried to get to close quarters with Burgoyne, but the latter fired again, and witness was hit in the stomach and fell down.

Examined by Mr. Clinton (for the defence), witness said he had been waiting for Miss Holden. He knew she would be going out at 9 o'clock. Witness agreed that when Burgoyne had gone down the road he did go after him and call upon him to stop. It was then that he turned round with the revolver in his hand, and the second shot was made when prosecutor rushed at him.

Cross-examined, witness admitted having threatened to do Burgoyne an injury.

At the conclusion of his examination the prosecutor was removed from Court on a stretcher and taken back to hospital.

Barmaid's Evidence.

Thelma Holden said she was a married woman, and lived apart from her husband. She was a barmaid at the South Western Hotel, and had been walking out with Burgoyne for four months.

She told him that she was married, and ought not to continue walking out with him. He asked her to continue doing so, and she agreed. She wanted to finish with him about a month ago, and she made an appointment with Betts, because she thought that if Burgoyne saw them together he would not trouble her any more.

Betts joined her when she left the hotel on the night in question, and they went for a walk together. When she and Betts met Burgoyne the latter said to her, "Why have you done this?" and to Betts, "You are a married man and you are taking my girl from me." He then fired at Betts. She added that Burgoyne had asked her to marry him and she then told him she was married.

Witness went on to corroborate in detail the story of the prosecutor. She said she distinctly heard Burgoyne say as Betts went up to him, "Don't you come near me."

After the shooting Burgoyne walked away.

With regard to the shooting, she agreed that prisoner could have fired before had he so desired. Maj. R. G. Field, R.A.M.C., stated that Betts had a bullet wound in the stomach, but was in no immediate danger.

Trooper Thomas Welch, 1st Dragon Guards, said accused was an officer's servant, and shared his room. On May 4 witness saw him, and after some remarks accused said he had had a burst-up with a chap of the Guards. He said two shots had been fired, and at the same time pulled out two revolvers from his pocket. Later a police servant took him into custody.

Major Hatfield, of the 1st Dragon Guards, said prisoner was his servant. The revolvers produced were his property and kept in his room. He did not miss them until after the prisoner's arrest.

Police Sergeant Keel, giving evidence as to the arrest, said he found the revolvers on prisoner's table in his room. Both were loaded and two rounds in the larger weapon had been discharged.

Prisoner was committed for trial at the next Winchester Assizes.

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OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Hong	Fri., June 24, 3 p.m.
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Shanghai	Gleniffer	Fri., June 24, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Mantra	Sat., June 25.

Parcels	K.P.O.
Reg.	24th 4.30 p.m.
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Parcels	24th 5 p.m.
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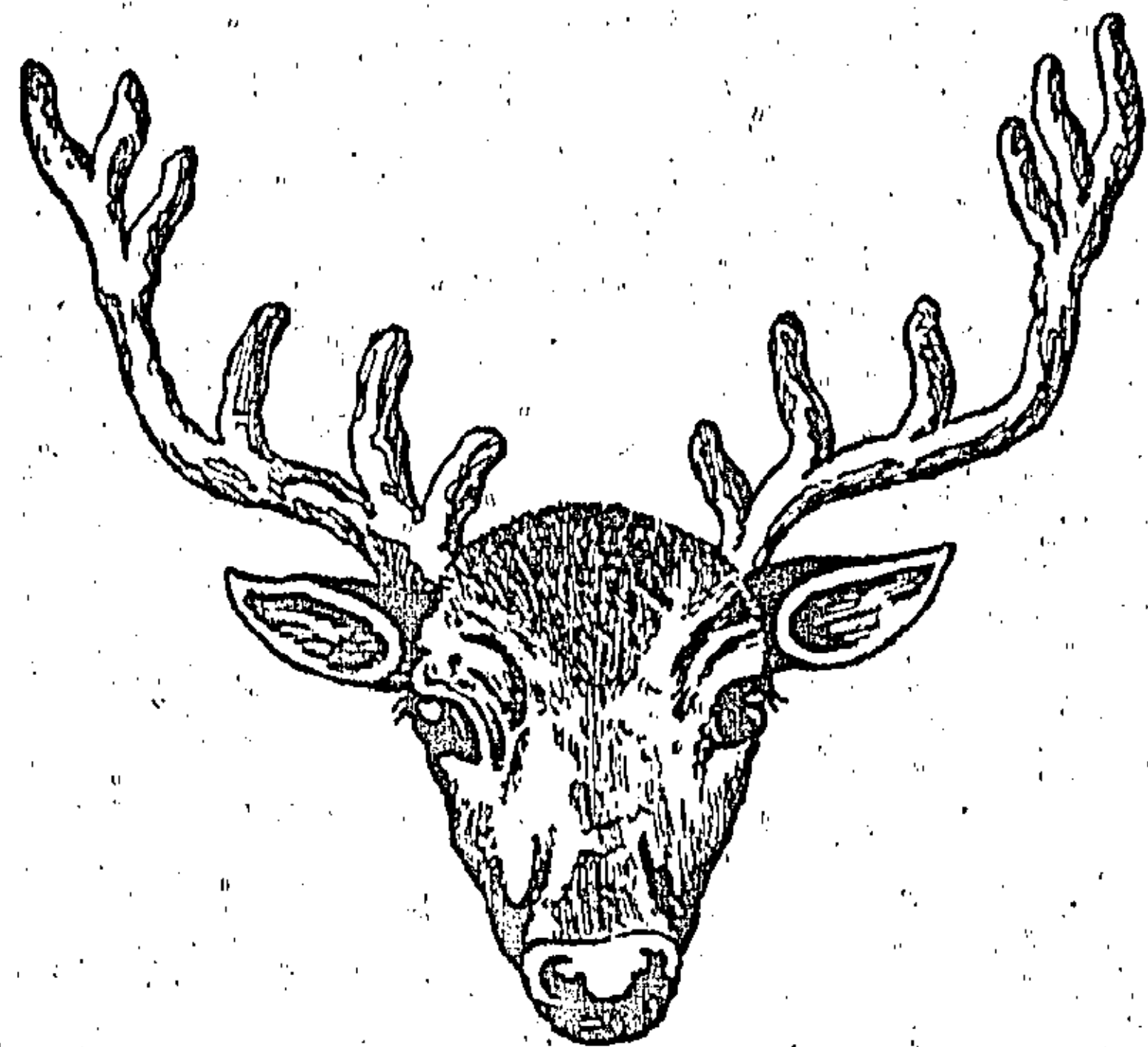
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Swatow	Lian	Mon., June 27, 12.30 p.m.

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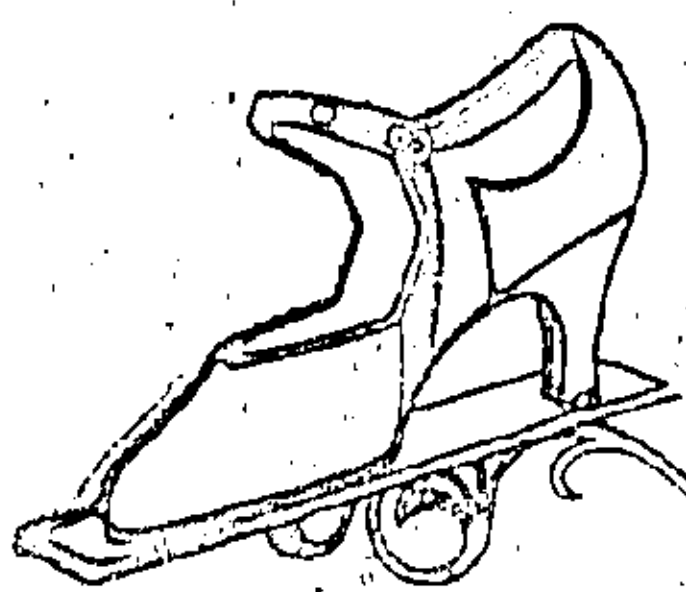
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THE NEW TERRITORIES.

(Continued from Page 2.)

Pigs.
Pig-breeding flourishes, but always as a sideline, and mostly in conjunction with rice-farming. The good market now obtainable has caused a large increase in the number of pigs bred, but there is no pig-farming on a large scale, mainly because to specialise would, however slightly, raise the cost of production, an important consideration in a competitive market. One or two wealthier breeders have imported English stock, which makes a good cross with the local breed.

(2) Poultry. Poultry-rearing has increased in the main at Pingshan and Castle Peak. Chicken-farming favours the main centres, but is not common, most chickens being imported when a day or two old, and reared in the villages in small numbers. The market for turkeys has produced a limited number of breeders.

Duck-farming is more popular, as the birds are harder and more easily fed and fatter than chickens. Large flocks of ducks are reared on the swamps at Shatin, Tai Po, San Tin and Yuen Long.

Special events.—On 1st September the elders of the District gave a dinner at Tai Po at which H. E. the Governor was the principal guest. The function was marked by congratulatory speeches on the occasion of His Excellency's birthday, and many expressions of goodwill and esteem.

Transfer of Shing Mun Villagers. During the year, sites were found to accommodate all the inhabitants of the Shing Mun Valley affected by the first part of the Shing Mun Water-works Scheme.

The general slump in property values, reflected by the decrease in the number of transactions was also shown by the general decrease in applications for land, there being but 21 sales of Crown Grants for building purposes, and 6 grants of conversion of agricultural land to building lots.

General.—The past year has shown a fair average of prosperity, in the District, both rice crops being good, and vegetables finding a ready market and good prices in Hongkong. The fishing was not so good, but prices were fair, as a whole.

Tai O.—Business generally was good. The Wong Fa fishing was poor, but prices were high. Both rice and vegetables did well, quantities of the latter being exported to Hongkong until communications with Canton were restored, when business slackened. Very little serious crime was reported. In two cases of armed robbery arrests were made, but the suspects were released later.

At about 7 p.m. on the night of 26th November, 1926, a serious fire broke out among the marshes in the creeks, about 300 of which were burnt out, and damage done to the extent of about \$30,000. As it was high tide, the inhabitants were able to escape by boats, and no loss of life resulted. Full enquiry was held into the occurrence, and steps are being taken to minimise the risk of repetition of such a disaster.

The death of the chief Elder of Tai O, Li Shan Pui at the age of 76 was deeply regretted both by the inhabitants of Tai O and by those Europeans with whom he came into contact.

Cheung Chau.
Trade generally was not good: the Wong Fa fishing season yielding poor returns. The salt fish trade lost considerably as the typhoon crippled the fishing fleet.

The market did fairly well and steps are being taken to deal with the increased number of hawkers who compete with the stall-holders.

Health and crime were satisfactory there being no cases of contagious or infectious disease reported, and only one case of armed robbery, in which four arrests were made, and two offenders convicted.

The first crop of padi on Lantau was good, but the typhoon destroyed the second.

The Lime Kilns at Peng Chau still suffered greatly from the slump in building, generally in the Colony.

Tam Wan.—The general conditions of trade were good except in the case of the lime kilns at Tsing I, and the pineapple industry in which both crops and prices were poor.

There was little crime during the year.

Lamma.—The island was quiet and trade good especially in chickens for the Hongkong market, and grass fuel for the boat breemers at Aoerden. The banana crop failed, but both padi and vegetables did well.

Local Public Works.—During the year various small public works were assisted by the District Officer.

For 1927, the vote has been increased to \$2,000,000, and it is hoped thereby to encourage still further the local efforts to provide and maintain these and similar necessities.

AIRSHIP LINER.

TO CANADA IN TWO DAYS.

Interesting particulars of a leviathan of the air being built for the carriage of passengers and mails between Britain and the Overseas Dominions were given by Commander Burney, M.P., at a dinner of the United Empire Circle of the Lyceum Club, Piccadilly, in honour of Mrs. Amory, wife of the Secretary for the Dominions, and held at the club. Viscountess Eliot, president of the Circle, occupied the chair at a gathering which included representatives from various parts of the Empire.

Viscount Younger of Lockie, proposing Mrs. Amory's health, paid a warm tribute to the way in which she had devoted herself to making Overseas visitors feel at home when arriving in this country.

The Hon. Lady Cecil supported the toast, and Mrs. Amory responded in a charming little speech.

Sir Montague Barlow, who has recently returned from a tour of Africa, in proposing "The Empire," said that what impressed the traveller through the Empire was that wherever one went he met that particularly English invention, the deliberative assembly. (Hear, hear.) These assemblies were all of British design, although the pattern varied in different places, and were all functioning and working on British lines.

Commander Burney, M.P., who supported, referred to an airship which is being built by a company with which he is connected for the All-Red Empire route. This airship, he hoped, would be completed by the end of the year.

Aerial Luxury.
The weight would be greater than that of the ship in which Columbus traversed the ocean and discovered America. It would be expected to dash through the air at eighty miles an hour. In it would be a restaurant capable of seating over a hundred persons, cabins for a hundred passengers, all the latest lighting and cooking contrivances, and arrangements were even being made to allow young ladies to dance the Charleston during its journeys. (Laughter.)

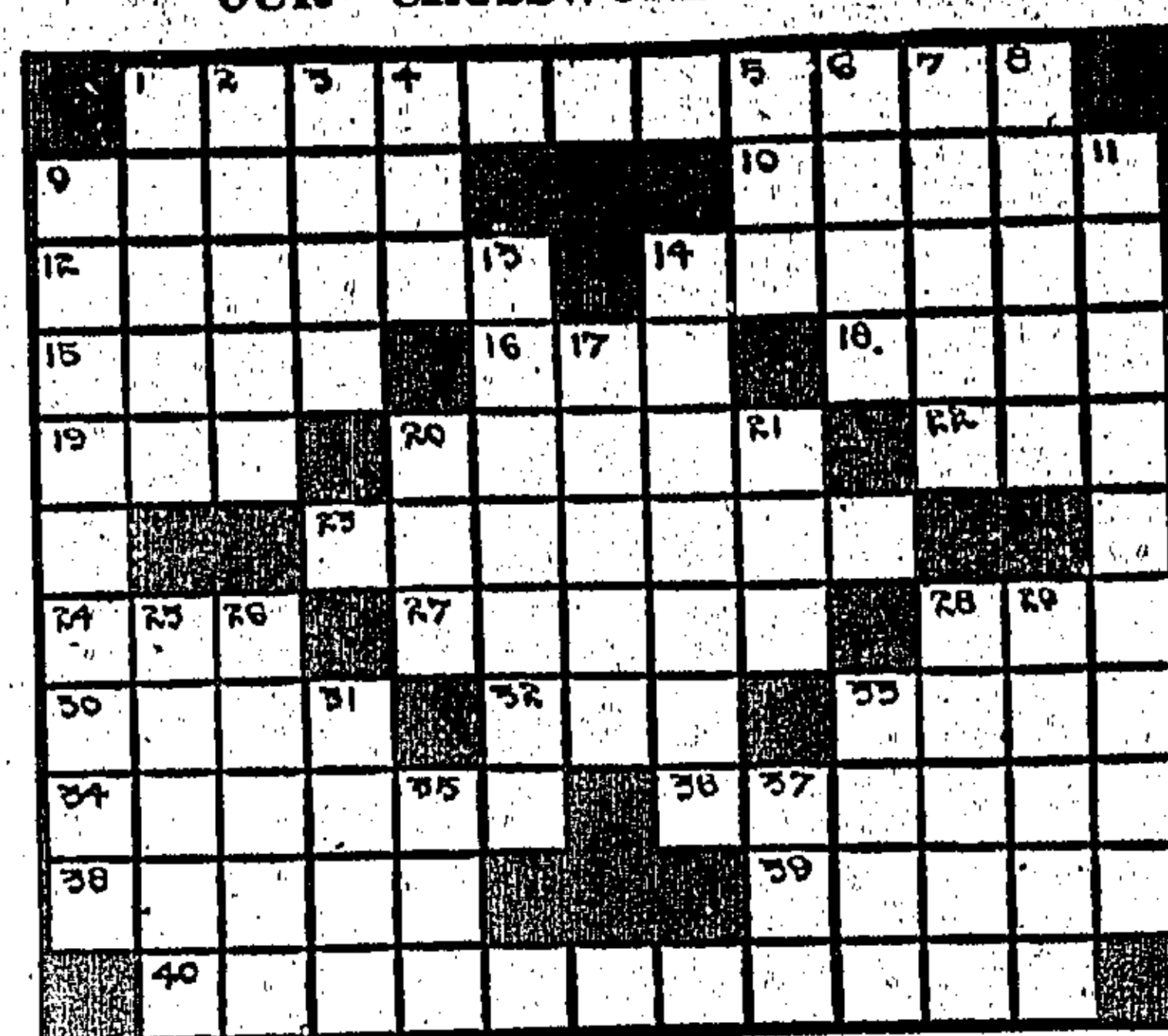
In that airship there would be seven miles of rivets, each one of which had to be carefully inspected, eleven miles of tubing, two miles of insulated electric cable, four and a half acres of outer covering, and hundreds of miles of wiring. By its means they expected to bring Canada within forty-eight hours of the Mother Country, South Africa and India within four days, and Australia within seven days. (Cheers.)

These things, he believed, were not possibilities, but probabilities. At the same time, the Government were building an airship which was not so far advanced as the one of which he had spoken, and from statements made by the Secretary of State for Air in the House of Commons it looked as if the vessel being built by his company would be kept deteriorating in its shed for at least a year unless the Air Ministry altered its present programme for the trials. He hoped, however, that that delay would be avoided. (Hear, hear.)

Sir Herbert Stanley (Governor of Ceylon) responded.

If the "trunk mystery," unlike a number of others in recent years, is solved expeditiously, a new departure by Scotland Yard may be held largely responsible. Hitherto the Criminal Investigation Department has been inclined to keep the newspaper men at a distance, and has complained that it is hampered in its work by the newspaper discussion of clues, circumstances, and possibilities, comments a London paper. There may have been some justification for this; but, on the other hand, the value of publicity as a means of inducing people to come forward with information is obvious. In the case of this Charing Cross affair, Scotland Yard has already issued two long statements for the information of the newspapers; and if the investigation seems to be making good progress, some of the credit seems to be due to this new move.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

- 1 Reprisal.
- 2 Rescued.
- 3 Moved forward gradually.
- 4 Inclinations in a particular course.
- 5 To revive an experience.
- 6 A fissure or tear.
- 7 Tiny device used to set up a golf ball.
- 8 At any time.
- 9 Field of learning.
- 10 Mass of debris.
- 11 Age.
- 12 Heaved.
- 13 Unit of energy.
- 14 Long pointed weapon.
- 15 To implore.
- 16 To encircle.
- 17 Tree.
- 18 Coarse chaffy part of ground grain.
- 19 Persons of extreme mental feebleness.
- 20 To eulogize.
- 21 String instrument.
- 22 Incited.
- 23 Slimness.

Vertical.

- 1 More uncommon.
- 2 Occurrence.
- 3 Canvas house.
- 4 To total.
- 5 Short piece of pipe having a lateral outlet.
- 6 Unoccupied.
- 7 A pointed arch.
- 8 At no time.

- 9 Pertaining to an important office.
- 10 Vindicated a claim by legal proceedings.
- 11 Long narrow discolourations of the skin.
- 12 To imprint an official mark on a letter a second time.
- 13 Artist's frame.
- 14 Genus of cattle.
- 15 Feminine pronoun.
- 16 Drives.
- 17 That which is broiled on a gridiron.
- 18 Two-masted square-rigged vessels.
- 19 Relieves.
- 20 To deal out grudgingly.
- 21 Naked.
- 22 Two thousand pounds.
- 23 Sequence of cards in the same suit.

Yesterday's Puzzle.

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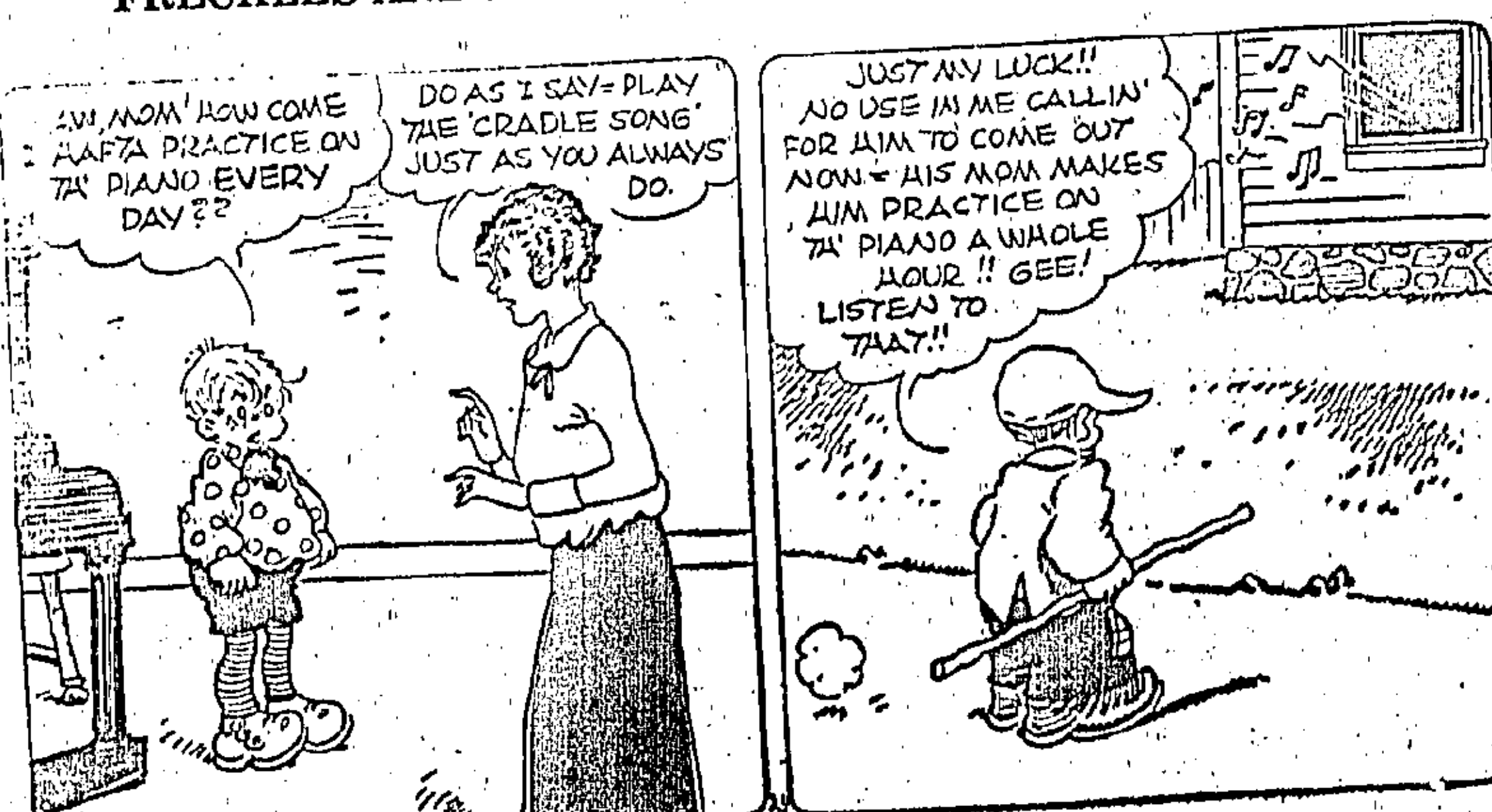
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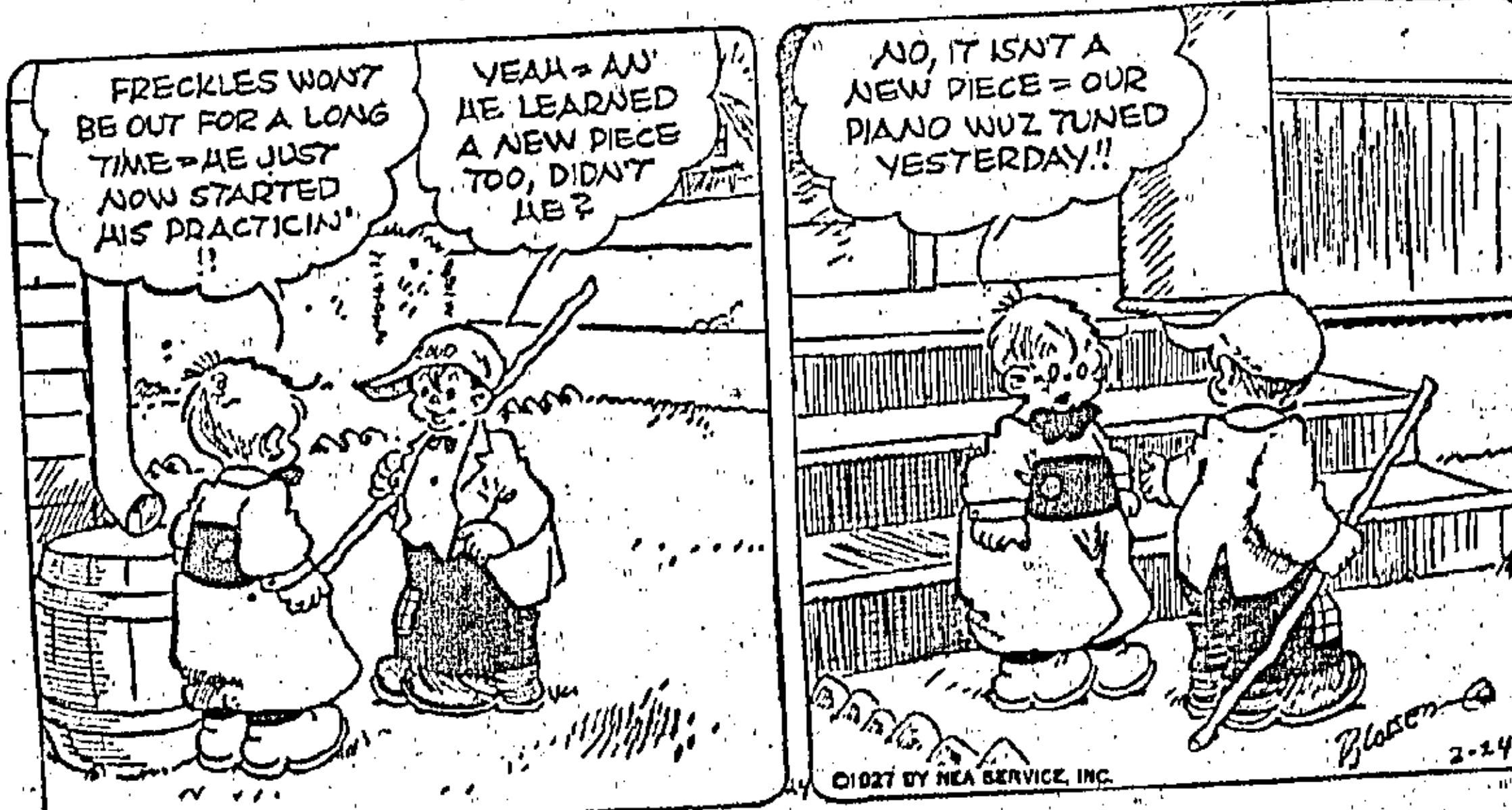
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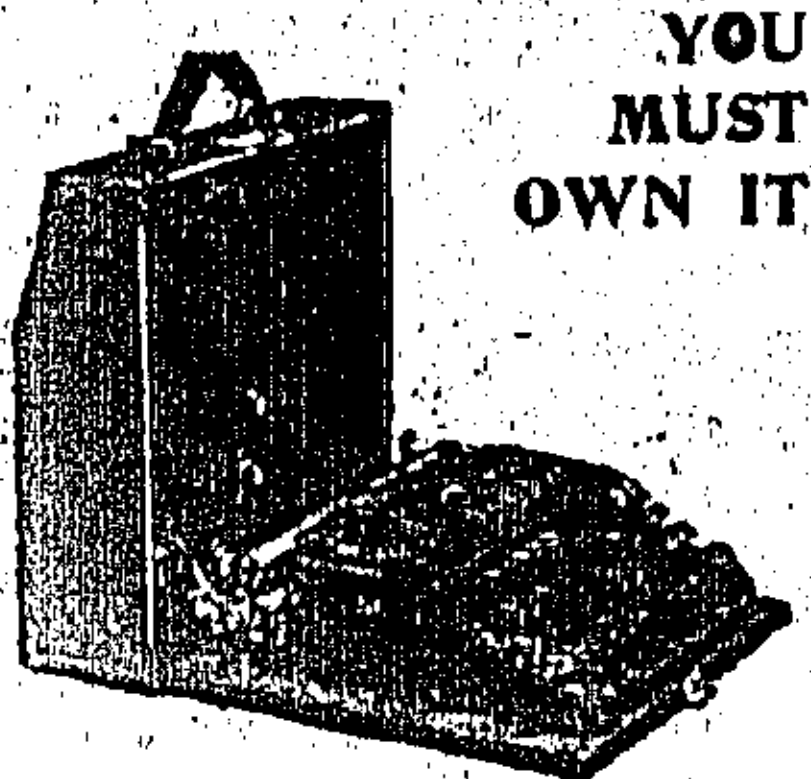
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HONGKONG'S FINANCES.

It might be considered as a rather "dry" subject to consider in such summery weather as we are now having, but the question of the Colony's finances is a serious one that cannot be put off just because it happens to be a hot day. And so, at the Legislative Council yesterday, the Hon. Colonial Secretary gave an interesting review of the Colony's financial position, when introducing the Ordinance to provide for a Supplementary Vote, and it is a review which all residents ought to read seriously, because it impinges on the vital matter of this Colony's prosperity. The fact of the matter is that the revenue for 1926 was over two million dollars less than the revenue for the previous year, and was slightly less than estimated. For the first half of 1927 the revenue has been on a scale slightly lower than was estimated when the Budget was introduced last October, though it is anticipated that there will be an improvement in the second half of the year. The expenditure last year was not quite so high as was anticipated, but, inasmuch as the Government budgetted for a deficit of nearly two and a half millions, there was a real deficit on the year of \$2,393,134, which reduced the Colony's surplus of assets over liabilities to \$3,486,290, of which sum not more than \$1,400,000 can be regarded as liquid assets realizable for the balancing of a deficit. The surplus would have been much less but for two fortuitous items—profits on exchange and profits on the sale of investments. As the Government has budgetted for a deficit for this year, the Colony has reached a point at which it can no longer finance big schemes of public work out of current revenue, and the Government tells us once again that it proposes to raise a loan against which will be charged the whole cost of the Shing Mun Water Scheme. Certain other items will also be charged against the loan, with the result that the Colony's total balances as at 31st December last will stand at just over \$5,000,000, and liquid assets to meet any deficiency this year at about \$3,319,000.

The really important feature of the financial position to-day is that the Colony, by the exercise of economy and by paying for any big schemes of public work out of spe-

cially raised loans, can just get along paying its way, even on the present low scale of income. The Colonial Secretary said yesterday that "the most careful economy will be essential for a year or two if the Colony is to avoid the necessity for increased taxation. The outlook to-day is more hopeful than it has been for a long time past and if we husband our resources carefully we can look forward to the future with the utmost confidence." That is a very re-assuring statement, although we must not overlook the fact that the Colony had a surplus of assets over liabilities of over \$17,000,000 before we fell on troubled days and that it has taken Hongkong over two years and cost it many millions of dollars to get its normal spendings down to its decreased revenue. It must be the Government's chief concern, we would argue, to do everything necessary to avoid any increase in the Colony's taxation, though by arguing thus we do not advocate neglect to do really needful and beneficial work. The policy of paying for big public works by which posterity will benefit—like the Shing Mun Valley Scheme—out of current revenues, has had to be forsaken, and while we are satisfied that the equitable method of payment is by loan as is now proposed we would urge that the amount of such loans should be kept as low as possible. These are days in which we must be content to do little else than "mark time," hoping that in the not too distant future, Hongkong will once again enjoy a trading prosperity from out of which alone can come better financial times for the Government.

The New Territories.

The annual report on the New Territories, for last year, tells its story of successful development, gradual but never halting, and a continuation of the able administration under British officers which has brought prosperity and security to the whole area of this Hongkong "dependency." Despite the present abnormal conditions prevailing in China, and the natural reflection in our part of the country, there is a bright record in this annual report, and an earnest of something accomplished and more good work to come. Dealing first with the northern district, we find careful adherence to the recognised lines of development, comprising encouragement of local enterprise and general improvements of the amenities, with an increase wherever possible in the industrial or agricultural productivity of the inhabitants. A new afforestation scheme has been set on foot, an additional ferry service to an outlying section has been inaugurated, roads have been completed, and the safeguarding of the villages against robbers has been perfected. Building developments are shown in various districts, while local industries like brick-making and fisheries have received due attention. One learns that a new market has gone up in one of the out-areas, and as regards produce, that "every possible acre of ground is planted with rice." The Government has fostered the reclamation of large areas from the sea for rice growing, as well as aided drainage of water-logged soil. The growing of vegetables is more or less dependent on demand from Hongkong, but vegetable-growing appears to have come to stay. Cattle breeding is not yet a specific activity, but pig-rearing is flourishing, and there is increased production in the poultry line. Duck-farming is especially to the fore. There is less said of the southern district, as this comprises more of the urban areas, but here, too, the tale is one of general progress and efficient administration. The report makes good reading, and incidentally it proves what Chinese territory can develop to under proper control. One looks forward confidently to the future, when the New Territories will play an even larger part in supplying Hongkong with its foodstuffs, and when dependence on outside supplies will be less in evidence.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Paris	124
Brussels	24.96
Amsterdam	12.11 1/2
Berlin	20.49
Copenhagen	18.16 1/4
Vienna	34.63
Helsingfors	102.81
Lisbon	216.92
Bucharest	8.10
New York	4.95 19/32
Geneva	25.23 1/2
Milan	84.46
Stockholm	18.11 1/2
Oslo	18.73
Prague	16.8 1/2
Madrid	28.51
Athens	308
Rio	553/64

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

BE QUICK TO ENCOURAGE, BUT SLOW TO DISPARAGE.—*McCarthy.*

The P. and O. s.s. Nellore arrived in London from Hongkong on Wednesday.

The Empress of Asia arrived at Shanghai this morning, and is due here on Monday.

H. M. Royal Fleet Auxiliary Belgol leaves Hongkong to-day, taking oil and supplies to naval vessels at northern ports.

The local weather forecast issued by the Royal Observatory, up to noon to-morrow, is: S.W. or variable winds, light; fair.

Senders of telegrams are informed that, owing to faulty cable connexion, telegrams to and from Shanghai and beyond are subject to delay.

There were two cases of typhoid fever reported to the health authorities yesterday, and also one case of paratyphoid fever and one case of puerperal fever.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 10 arrivals and 14 departures, of which five and three respectively were British, leaving 61 vessels in harbour, British 26.

A Chinese lost his life whilst bathing in a pond in Kowloon Tong yesterday. The deceased was with several others, and it is not definitely known how he was drowned. He was about twenty years of age.

The British steamer Hai Yang, arriving from Deli and the Straits this morning with 460 deck passengers, reports the death of one en route from beriberi on June 21, three days after leaving Singapore.

Arrested on the Hunghom fore-shore in possession of a life buoy belonging to the South China Athletic Association Bathing Club, an elderly Chinese woman was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant pleaded that she found the buoy floating in the sea.

Four Chinese appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on charges in respect of the theft of four bales of black cotton duck valued at \$1,200 which was stolen from the Shui Heung Yuen Go-down, of Nelson Street. On the application of the prosecution the defendants were remanded for one week on \$500 bail each.

A fine of \$10 was imposed by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a carpenter foreman in the employ of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., who was charged with causing an obstruction in Yu Chau Street, Shamshuipo, by allowing his foks to carry on their carpentry work in connexion with the erection of gates for the military authorities, on the public thoroughfare.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed this morning on a Chinese who was found guilty of demanding money by menaces. A trap was laid by two Chinese detectives, and defendant was arrested in Shauiwan immediately after he managed to obtain \$5 from his intended victim. The defendant when charged gave the excuse that the complainant owed him money, but several witnesses whom he called to substantiate his story were not able to confirm it.

The Chinese are evincing considerable interest in the measures adopted at the Pedder Street-Des Voeux Road Central corner for traffic control, and the efforts of the Police to keep pedestrians within the borders of the white lines have been attracting a large gallery of idlers. Perhaps it is too soon to criticise the efforts to educate the Chinese coolie pedestrian, but the loungers find an apparently endless source of amusement in the waywardness of each new arrival on the scene, who, however, accept the situation good-humouredly.

ATHENS ANARCHY.

ITALIAN LEGATION THE OBJECTIVE.

Athens, June 23.
Kavandas, the tailor who reported a plot to blow up the British Legation here, and was subsequently arrested, together with two men he had denounced, and in whose own house some dynamite was found, now pays that the plot was intended for the Italian Legation, not the British—*Reuter.*

21 YEARS AGO.

EXTRACTS FROM "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended June 23rd 1906.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 1 7/16d.

The Governor of Macao, Senhow Martinho de Montenegro, paid an official visit to Sir Matthew Nathan, Governor of Hongkong. There was a round of official celebrations, one of the items in the visitor's itinerary being a "ride in the electric tram to Quarry Bay."

The Peking Government signed the agreement for the construction of the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

The trial trip of the s.s. Loong Wo, built for the Yangtze trade to the order of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock, was successfully carried out. This was the largest vessel built by the Dock up to that time. Over the measured mile, the vessel made an average speed of 13 1/4 knots.

A message from Amoy stated that Dr. H. R. Horne and Mr. Forbes Eadie, of the China Mutual Insurance Company, had been attacked at Tungan by pirates. Both were rather seriously injured.

The Compradore of the s.s. Sui-sang was charged with carrying 144 stowaways from the Colony to Singapore without the consent of the Captain of the ship.

The Floating dry-dock "Dew," being towed to Manila, arrived at Singapore, where a mishap occurred through two of the tugs coming in to collision.

The Waiwupu agreed to pay the indemnity claimed by the British Minister on behalf of British subjects, for losses sustained from the recent Shanghai strikes.

Much interest was taken in the arrival of a company of native soldiers from the German colonies in East Africa, en route to New Guinea to perform duties of military police. The men changed ships here.

The report of the Inspector of Schools for 1905 shows that the revenue was \$9,783, as against \$922 in 1900. The expenditure was \$158,677, and the number of schools (Government and grant) was 83.

TO-MORROW'S PICTURES.

AN INTERESTING COLLECTION.

To-morrow's Telegraph will contain several very interesting local pictures, including some good action snaps taken at the baseball games played at Happy Valley on Saturday and Sunday last; a group photograph of the "J-Pans Concert Party" which has been entertaining the servicemen; a group photograph of the Cameromians Band, which is to give a promenade concert at the Lee Gardens to-morrow night; and photographs taken at the weddings of Mr. Luiz Osmund and Miss Alda da Silva, and Mr. Charles Warren and Miss Henrietta Mary Sully.

In addition to the above, there will be a group photograph of the Shameen Defence Force, and a picture of a British Section railway engine at Canton Station, on the unique occasion when the engine drew an express train over the complete line.

Also, a group photograph taken in the New Territories on Wednesday last when H.E. the Governor witnessed a demonstration by the Morris six-wheel lorries.

BOYCOTT OF SHIPS.

BRITISH STEAMERS CARRY FEW PASSENGERS.

The boycott imposed against British steamers in Canton, by discharged members of the crew of the s.s. Lungshan, remains effective, and the s.s. Falshan and s.s. Talshan, which arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Canton, carried only fifteen Chinese passengers between them.

The mob picketing the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's wharf at Canton shows no signs of relaxing its efforts, and it is stated that while violence is not resorted to, the Canton police are powerless to interfere.

About twenty Europeans came down by the British boats yesterday. Up to the present, no attempt has been made to interfere with the cargo-carrying coolies.

The Very Idea!

The barber was surprised at receiving a tip before he began to shave his customer. "It's not many customers who tip beforehand," he said. "That's not a tip," said the customer, "it's hush money."

"Why all the brand-new clothes?" said Pa. And Ma snapped, "Don't be still! It always pays to dress up nice." It did! Pa paid the bill.

Wife, at Willesden: Of course, I tell my husband what I think of him, and I suppose you men would call it nagging.

Woman motorist, summoned at Kingston for driving without proper lights: The last judge in London fined me ten shillings, but I don't know what the next one will do.

Man, fined for swearing at Kingston: I was talking to a deaf man.

Shoreditch man: I made a profitable investment in children, and they keep me now.

Willesden magistrate, to a wife: Do you prefer to summon your husband or that the missionary shall see him? Wife, after a close inspection of the missionary: Well, I rather fancy the missionary myself.

It appears that the Yorkshire village of Thornton Rust has been without a schoolmaster for two years, because the trustees stipulate for a Calvinist teacher, and none such is to be found. It is an interesting evidence of the fact of religious evolution, and of the lesser fact that religions attached to particular names tend to share the mortality of their authors. Probably the last refuge of pure Calvinism in this country is the "Wee-Free" Church of Scotland; and was, indeed, its acceptance of the full creed that secured it a large share of the Free Church funds some twenty-five years ago, and enabled it to start as a separate organisation.

Socialism is the antithesis of freedom.—Mr. Churchill. Unemployment is the master problem of the age.—Mr. G. Hall, M.P.

Mr. Churchill told me the other day that he had never met a better listener than I am.—Mr. Baldwin.

Very many children have had their health ruined for life by attending schools when they were unfit to do so.—Dr. Leslie Thorne.

A rich man died, leaving his entire fortune to three friends—an Englishman, an Irishman, and a Jew—on the condition that they should each deposit £50 in his coffin.

At the funeral the Englishman placed £50 in notes in the casket. The Irishman put his £50 in cash, while the Jew deposited his cheque for £150, taking out the £100 in cash as change.

The cheque was cashed next day. The undertaker had been born in Aberdeen.

Many will share the alarm of a correspondent of *The Times* at the Underground's experiments with a loud-speaking announcer, "designed to give information and instructions to passengers." If people do not know when to get out at their station, they should travel by bus or by tram. There is nothing the Londoner dislikes so much as to be shouted at; and it will be remembered that the loudspeaker established some years ago to instruct us in the ways of the escalator had a very short reign.

Constable (to man pacing street at 3 a.m.): "What are you doing here?"

Man: "I forgot my key, constable, and I'm waiting for my children to come home and let me in."

ROYAL TOURISTS AT GIBRALTAR.

SPANISH SHAWL FOR DUCHESS OF YORK.

London, June 23.
The battle-cruiser Renown, with the Duke and Duchess of York on board, homeward bound from their great tour, arrived at Gibraltar to-day.

The visitors on landing were received with great cheering, which continued throughout their drive to the City Hall, where loyal addresses were delivered and gifts, including a choice Spanish shawl 150 years old, from the Chamber of Commerce, were presented to the Duchess.—*British Wireless.*

TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 1/11.15/16.
Lighting-up 7.10 p.m.

CIRCUS INTRUDER.

PRETENDED TO BE A DETECTIVE.

A Chinese was arrested yesterday and charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, for entering the grounds of Isako's Circus in Wanchai, by giving the excuse that he was a police detective detailed to do duty at the spot.

Mr. Henry Chan Haylitt, in evidence, stated that he was the assistant superintendent of the circus. The manager called his attention last night to a Chinese who was strolling inside the enclosure. Witness asked the intruder what he wanted, and the reply was that he was a detective sent there by the head Chinese detective. He was asked to produce his pass, or proof of his identity, but defendant said that he had not brought his pass with him.

The manager communicated with a constable who was on duty near the spot, and the constable put similar questions to defendant. Defendant on replying that he was a detective was asked to produce his police whistle. He failed to do so and was taken into custody.

Mr. Lindsell remarked to Inspector James, who was prosecuting, that defendant might have stated he was a policeman in order to get himself out of an unpleasant position. It would be a different matter if he gained admittance or did anything unlawful whilst passing himself off as a police officer.

His Worship adjourned the case for twenty-four hours, in order to consider the matter further.

HELPED HIMSELF TO BONUS.

TIMBER FOKI GETS HARD LABOUR.

The Chinese method of giving an employee a bonus throughout the year, according to the fluctuation of the business, was revealed in the Central Magistracy this morning.

A shop foki who was charged with embezzling \$96.24 from the Tsui Mau firm of timber merchants, on various dates between April 27 and June 20, stated that his employer had promised to give him certain bonuses at the completion of various items of business which he was negotiating.

As he was hard pressed for money, he deducted the amounts due to him before his employer had sanctioned payment.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell, who was hearing the case, asked the defendant how much he was getting a month. Defendant replied that he was getting \$20 a month, and that he had been employed with the wood dealers for about two months.

The Magistrate: You get \$20 a month as salary, and you got nearly hundred dollars in commission. What nonsense!

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed.

CARS COLLIDE.

YESTERDAY'S TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

According to Police reports, a collision between two cars in Macdonnell Road occurred yesterday, without anyone being injured; and two Chinese have been taken to the Government Civil Hospital with injuries sustained through being knocked down by motor cars.

Mr. Nagen, chemist, 16 Macdonnell Road, has reported that at 2.30 yesterday afternoon he was driving his motor-car No. 2311 from Macdonnell Road to Garden Road, when another car, No. 1036, which was proceeding in the opposite direction, came into collision with his car, damaging the front mudguards. No one was injured.

A Chinese youth aged 18 has been taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from a compound fracture of the right leg, which he sustained through being knocked down by motor-car No. 181 at the junction of Praya East and Malory Street.

A twelve-year old Chinese girl was knocked down by motor-car No. 565 at the Praya East, her left leg being injured. She was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

POET'S CORNER.

AN ASPIRATION.

Others may be art glass,
Of rainbow-hue;
I choose to be a window-pane
For the sun to shine through.
A clean pane,
Is what I would be—
Unconcerned with temperament
And personality.
I would have Love shine through
me,
So that my friends would say,
Not, "What a lovely pane of
glass!"
But, "What a lovely day!"

EMPIRE FILMS.

FUTURE PROSPECTS.

One of the primary objects of the Royal Colonial Institute is to make the Empire known not merely to its members from Overseas, but to the public of Great Britain and, with this aim in view numerous meetings are held in the course of the year at which important subjects are discussed. Quite recently at a City luncheon, held under the auspices of the Institute, in London, Sir Robert Donald, G.B.E. gave a most interesting address on the future of Empire films.

The speaker emphasized that from the point of view of Empire interests, the films must be regarded from several angles—as an entertainment, as a medium of propaganda, by means of British pictures the demoralizing effect exercised on native mentality by the demoralizing pictures often shown now, which too often misrepresent white civilization and injure the prestige of Great Britain could be remedied. The film business if properly used could be the greatest medium for knitting the Empire closer together in bonds of understanding.

A Growing Demand.

There is a growing demand for British pictures, not only all over the Empire, but also in foreign countries, including the United States. It is said that American exhibitors are discovering British pictures because their audiences like them. There has, in the past been a tendency to depreciate the British capacity to produce good pictures, but it is satisfactory to learn that American film magnates do not apparently share this view, for they are buying such pictures for exhibition in the Dominion, particularly in Australia. Australia is herself entering the production field and is opening up special facilities for the exhibition of British pictures.

The American film magnate is awakening to the fact that the world wants a different type of picture. He is not out to fight public opinion, but to conciliate it and particularly wants to satisfy public demand within the British Empire which is at once, his largest customer and his greatest potential rival. The style of the early crude pictures has been kept up too long, but America must now that every nation must express its own national sentiment, history, character, habits and ideals in its own pictures.

Breaking "Foreign Spell."

It is therefore essential to Great Britain to establish her own school in this new art and break the foreign spell. Provided good quality pictures are produced, any facilities for getting them exhibited in the Dominions will be forthcoming. There is no necessary element material or personal for the making of the finest films which the Empire does not possess in abundance. The belief that climate and sunshine are indispensable for the production of pictures does not hold good; probably nine-tenths of the pictures are made in studios under artificial conditions, and for that matter the Empire possesses every conceivable variation of climate.

Very few inhabitants of Britain can ever hope to visit the Dominions, but the films bring the Empire to their feet. In a few years time moving pictures will be used universally in the schools and teach history, science and geography, and will be the greatest single factor in making known and popularising the innumerable resources and amazing attractions of all the Dominions and Colonies within the Empire to the Mother country and to each other. These educational functions of the film should be encouraged and developed for as a unifying force they have no equal.

RUBBER AND MINING DIVIDENDS.

LATEST ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following dividends on rubber and mining shares:—

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Katoyang Bahru 7½ per cent. final (27½ per cent. for the year).

Mining Dividends.

Telok Krui Tin, Ltd.: 10 per cent. int.
Sungei Besi Mines: 5 per cent. int. 2nd div.
Larut Tinfields: 6d.
Malayan Collieries: 7½ per cent. int.
North Taipings: 10 per cent. int.
Seremban, Ltd.: 1½d. per sh.
Sungei Way Dredging: 5 per cent. int.
Tekka, Ltd.: 4½d.
Idris Hydraulic: 1/- final (5/- for the year).

TRICKSTERS TRICKED.

TWO MEN VANISH WITH \$1,000.

An ingenious method of obtaining the sum of \$1,000 at the expense of their master went awry, and two foki who attempted the trick were compelled to return to the shop minus the \$1,000 which they had endeavoured to take for themselves.

The story was told before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning when the two foki were charged with larceny of the money by bailie, and alternatively, conspiracy with intent to defraud.

Sub-inspector Andrew explained that the two defendants were coolies employed by the complainant, who was the assistant manager of a shop in Bonham Strand West. The day before yesterday the defendants were entrusted with \$5,000 for the purpose of paying two bills, one for \$2,000 and another for \$3,000.

Apparently the bill for \$2,000 was paid, and the coolies then returned to the shop with only \$2,000 of the remaining \$3,000, and stated that they had been swindled.

The master, not being satisfied with their explanations, took the defendants to the police station. On being questioned they admitted that they had entered into a conspiracy with two other men to have two \$500 bank-notes forged, to be substituted for two good notes. They would then take the forged notes to their master and tell him that they could not pay the other bill because two of the notes were forged. The good notes would then be divided among the conspirators.

According to the defendants' story, continued Sub-inspector Andrew, they handed over the notes to the other two men, but these men disappeared, and as defendants were unable to get forged notes they had to return to their master \$1,000 short.

Both defendants refused to say whether they were guilty or not, and explained that they were themselves swindled out of the \$1,000.

His Worship convicted, on the first charge only, sentencing each man to four months' hard labour.

MARINE COURT CASES.

PRISON FOR INSUBORDINATE STOREKEEPER.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Lieut. Commr. G. F. Ho, Ng Tai, a storekeeper of the R. F. A. Belcol, was charged with assaulting Mr. R. O. Case, fifth engineer of that vessel, on June 23, whilst in Hongkong harbour. Defendant pleaded guilty, and although no evidence was offered, it was learned that the assault was committed with a two-inch spanner and Mr. Case's teeth were broken. A sentence of one month's hard labour was inflicted, the cost of prisoner's upkeep in gaol to be deducted from any wages due, up to the sum of £2.

Minor Offences.

Three masters of cargo boats were charged with anchoring in the cable reserve, off Douglas Wharf, and pleading guilty were severally fined \$5, with the alternative of five days' imprisonment. A fishing-boat master pleaded guilty to using bright lights in a prohibited area, to wit, Yaumatei typhoon shelter, and was fined \$10, with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment.

The master of a cargo junk pleaded guilty to navigating the harbour without the regulation lights, and was fined \$10, with the alternative of 10 days' imprisonment.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

- 1.—What is the iris?
- 2.—When was the Battle of Waterloo fought?
- 3.—What are the four English law sittings?
- 4.—Who is Ceres?
- 5.—How high is Mount Everest?
- 6.—Who was the first English monarch before the Conquest?
- 7.—What is a fulcrum?
- 8.—Who wrote "Abide with Me"?
- 9.—How long are the Panama Canal works?
- 10.—In which of the Australian States is Canberra?
- 11.—What is a pseudonym?
- 12.—Which American essayist and philosopher was a great admirer of England?
- 13.—What is a envy?
- 14.—Which of Dickens' works is considered his masterpiece?
- 15.—What is a crosser?

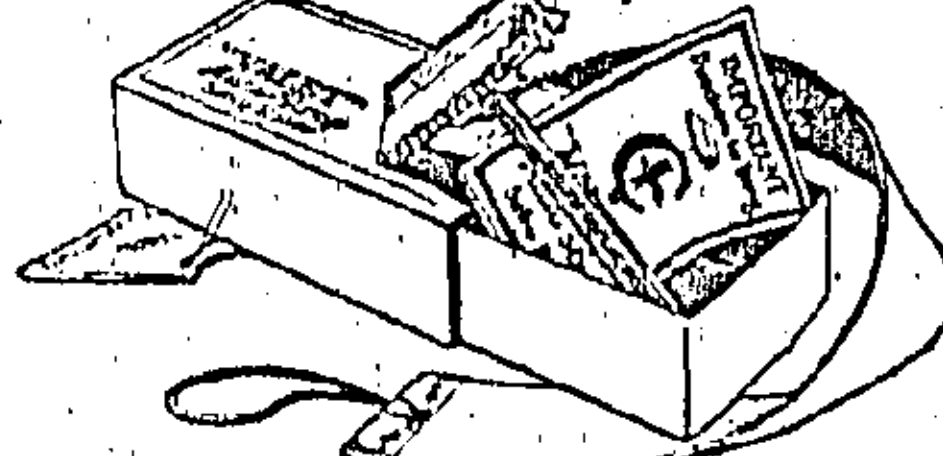


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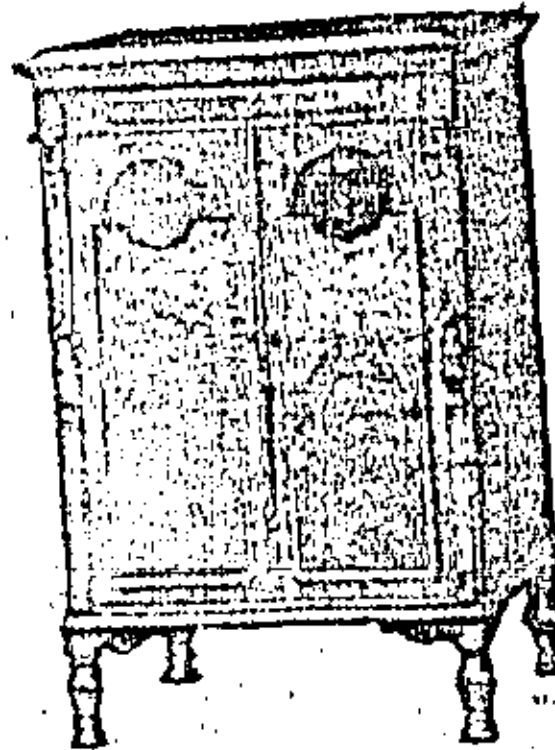


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Under the auspices of the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, a world long-distance swimming championship will be held in Lake Ontario on Wednesday, August 31, 1927. The total prizes offered amount to \$10,000, of which \$6,000 will go to the winner and \$1,000 to the first woman completing the distance.

The X-ray machine in use at the Christian hospital in Panyang, Korea, has disclosed some of the amazing treatments once practised by Korean doctors of the old school. One man recently examined had 43 copper needles imbedded in his abdomen. They had been thrust in, two or three at a time, over a period of four years, as a treatment for indigestion.

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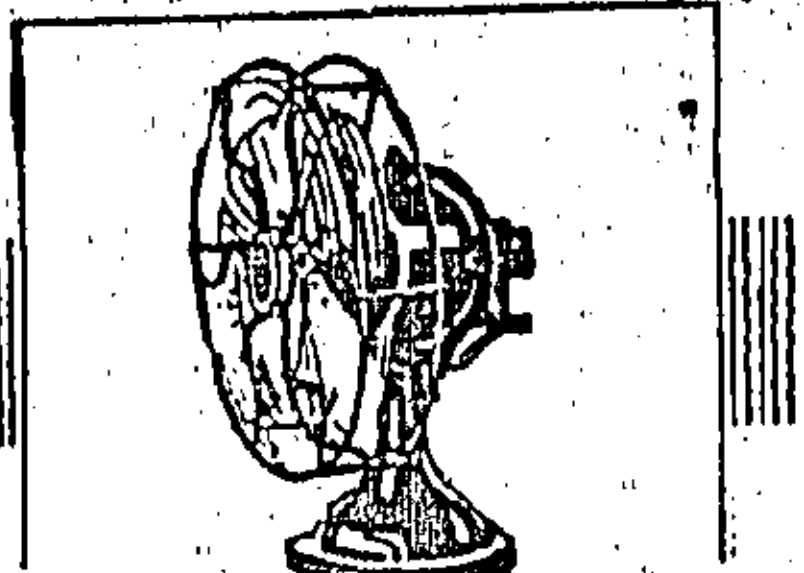
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THE COLONY'S FINANCES.

A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council, held yesterday afternoon, the Hon. Colonial Secretary (Mr. W. T. Southern) gave a very interesting review of the state of the Colony's finances, in moving the first reading of the Appropriation Bill.

In doing so, he said:—Sir, I rise to move the motion standing in my name, viz. a bill to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of One million and eighty-three thousand eight hundred and ninety-two Dollars and forty-two Cents to defray the Charges of the year 1926.

The details of all items have been very fully supplied to honourable members in Finance Committee from time to time, and it is I think, unnecessary to weary you with long explanations now. The reasons for the excesses will be found in the Draft Appropriation Account and in the Treasurer's report of the Finances of the year 1926, copies of which have been furnished to every member. The items for which legislative sanction is now sought are those which could not be met from already sanctioned votes. Many of the items, particularly those for the Royal Observatory, Fire Brigade and Kowloon-Canton Railway are due to outstanding 1925 accounts which could not be paid till 1926. The largest item is \$623,116.80 for the Public Works Recurrent vote. Items charged to this vote in excess of the Estimates amounted to \$767,929 of which \$744,810 represents excesses on the vote for Typhoon and Rainstorm damage. Almost the whole of this was due to the great storm of July 19th last, and as honourable members are aware there are several lakhs of additional expenditure on this account which are being charged to the 1927 votes. There were savings, mostly small, on most of the subheads of this vote, amounting in all to \$144,812, leaving a nett deficit of the amount appearing in the Bill.

The Railway.

The increase in the vote for the Kowloon-Canton Railway is more than accounted for by the neces-

sity of paying in 1926 for the new carriages for which it was intended to pay in 1925. Apart from this the savings were far more than adequate to cover the cost of reopening the Fanling Branch.

The increase on the Charitable Services vote represents almost entirely the special Grant to the Little Sisters of the Poor. The increase in the Miscellaneous Services vote is due mostly to the emergency expenditure connected with the strike and boycott with the need for which members have been made acquainted in Finance Committee from time to time. Increased rent of Public Telephones, against which must be set the increased royalty, the vote to close the accounts of the British Empire Exhibition, and the increase in cost of Transport, account for practically the whole of the balance of the increase on this vote.

Three main items alone which could not have been foreseen, viz. typhoon damages, the payment of the 1925 account for railway carriages and the emergency expenditure account for almost the whole amount asked for in the Bill.

A Decided Improvement.

More interesting, perhaps, than the details to which I have referred will be a brief review of the position as disclosed by the final accounts for 1926 and a reference to its bearing on the current estimates and on those which will be presented to you a few months hence.

When the Budget for 1926 was framed shortly after the beginning of the boycott, the Revenue was estimated at \$2,357,743, and expenditure at \$2,379,615, a deficit of \$2,422,872, to meet which we actually had at the end of 1925 a surplus balance of \$3,113,482. When I introduced the 1927 Budget last October the state of affairs was such that we did not feel justified in estimating our 1926 revenue at more than \$19,486,657. The figures now laid before you which disclose a revenue of \$21,131,582 show a decided improvement on our revised estimate, but it must be remembered that the difference is more than accounted for by the two fortuitous items of profits on exchange and profits on the sale of investments, which have been transferred to Revenue account from our balances to meet the views of the Accountant and

Auditor General. This is an adjustment covering several years and we cannot reckon on these as normal sources of income. The deficits shown on page 2 of the Treasurer's report for 1926 are a sufficient justification for our caution.

Turning to expenditure, the original estimate was \$23,790,615. Our revised estimate (see Hansard for 1926, page 60) was \$24,857,786. The actual expenditure was \$23,524,716, being, in spite of the supplementary votes in the Bill now before you, \$265,899 less than the original estimate.

Typhoon Damage.

For the full details of the savings I would refer honourable members to the Treasurer's report and the draft Appropriation account. My thanks are due to Heads of Department for the care taken to restrict expenditure within the amounts voted; the sum of the small savings so effected is considerable. Of the larger departmental savings a few items, e.g. under Police Department and Medical Department, have to be carried forward to 1927 account owing to late delivery of stores; some are due to postponed works e.g. refuse barge for Sanitary Department.

Public Works Extraordinary requires special mention. There was an under expenditure on the original vote of 1926 of no less than \$1,746,195, full details of which will be found in the papers in honourable members' hands. It was necessary for us to restrict Public Works Extraordinary to essential works and to works to which the Government was committed, and it was well that we did so, for, as honourable members will remember, we were suddenly faced with an unexpected call for \$1,000,000 for the rainstorm damages. Some of the under expenditure represents savings on the estimates, some represents only payments deferred, some works postponed; some work for the present abandoned and awaiting better times for the resumption of a forward policy. Against this under expenditure we had an over expenditure on other items of \$1,477,695, the nett result being that the Department spent on Public Works Extraordinary only \$268,499 less than its original total estimate.

The year's working resulted in a deficit of \$2,393,134 against an

estimated deficit when the Budget was introduced of \$2,422,872 and a revised estimated deficit of \$5,371,129, the difference being accounted for by the unexpected and somewhat fictitious increase in revenue account already referred to, by the delay in the completion of some of the Public Works for which funds had been provided, and by unexpected savings on certain votes e.g. \$200,000 on the sinking fund vote.

Better Than Expected.

The financial position of the Colony at the opening of 1927 was therefore rather better than we anticipated when we framed our Budget for the current year. We estimated our surplus of assets over liabilities at \$2,742,358. We actually had a surplus of \$3,486,290, of which a sum of not more than \$1,400,000 can be regarded as liquid assets realizable for the balancing of a deficit.

We budgeted this year for a deficit of \$1,907,305 exclusive of the expenditure on the Shing Mun Water scheme. As our balances no longer permit us to finance the Shing Mun Scheme from revenue, the Government proposes in due course to raise a loan to which it is proposed to charge the whole cost of the Shing Mun Water Scheme. To it will also be charged the cost of purchasing the site of the old Diocesan Boys' School; the cost of the harbour dredging and the Colony's share of the cost of the Kai Tak Aerodrome. From this loan a sum of \$1,916,406 expended on the water scheme prior to the 31st December last, will be credited to revenue as foreshadowed by Sir R. E. Stubbs in 1925 increasing our total balances as at 31st December, 1926, to \$5,402,696 and our liquid assets to meet a deficit on 1927 working to about \$3,316,000.

It remains to be seen how the Estimates for this year will turn out. Our expenditure we hope by rigid economy and in the absence of any cataclysm of nature to keep within the total amount voted, viz. \$22,314,702, as although various items of supplementary supply have been found necessary, there are inevitable savings due to lapsing salaries and under expended votes which will go far to meet them.

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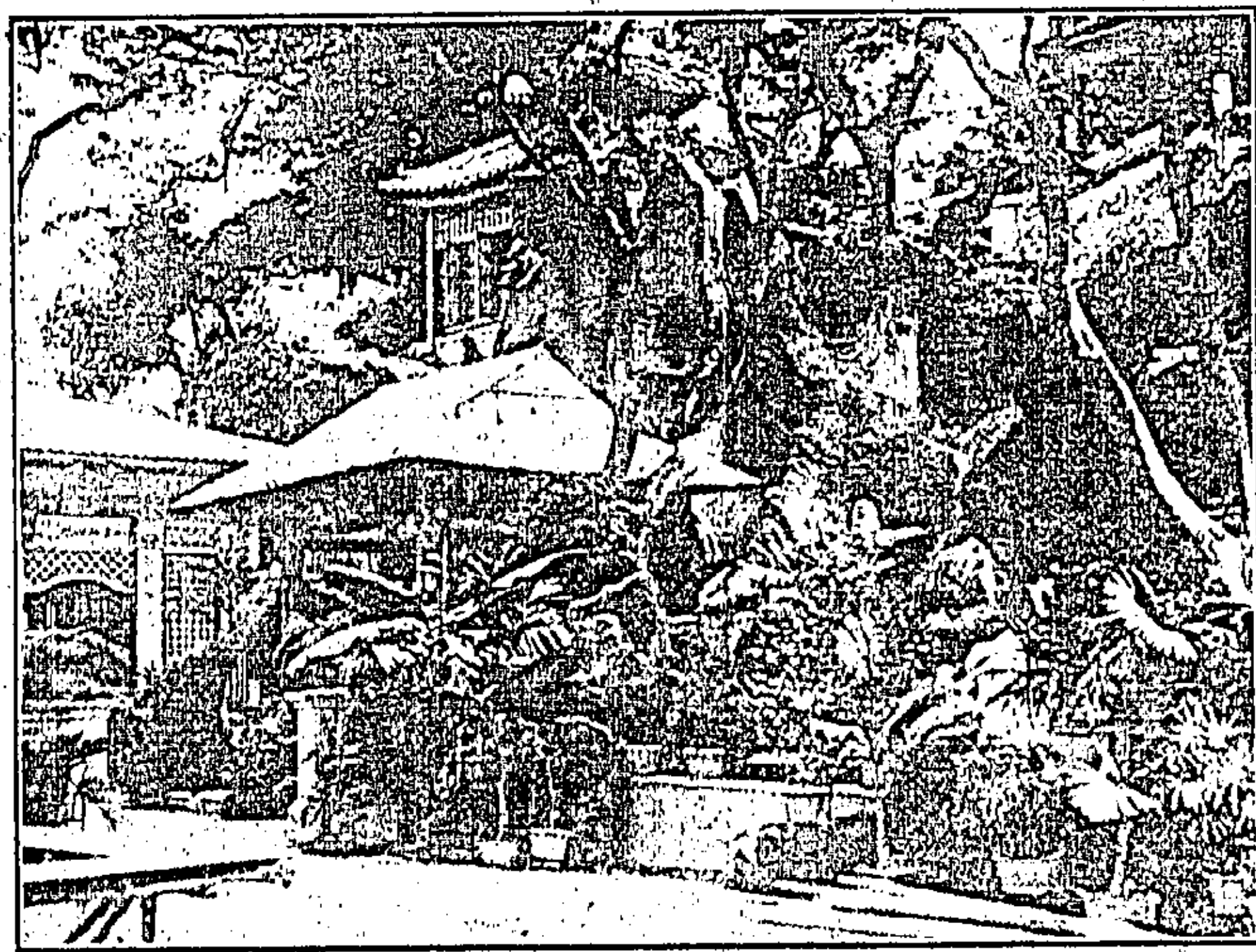
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July 17	San Francisco	Levinthan	Aug. 20	P'mth-C'brg. Aug. 26
July 27	Seattle	Aquiana	Aug. 24	C'brg-S'mptn Aug. 30
Aug. 2	San Francisco	Majestic	Sept. 3	C'brg-S'mptn Sept. 9
Aug. 10	Seattle	Mauretania	Sept. 6	P'mth-C'brg. Sept. 12
Aug. 16	San Francisco	Olympic	Sept. 17	C'brg-S'mptn Sept. 23
Aug. 24	Seattle	Beregarra	Sept. 21	C'brg-S'mptn Sept. 27
Aug. 30	San Francisco	Homerie	Oct. 1	C'brg-S'mptn Oct. 7
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FROM MACAO: 8 A.M. and 2 P.M.
(Weekdays only).

SUNDAY EXCURSION.

On Sunday, the 26th June s.s. "SUI AN" will
depart from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf at
9 A.M. and from Macao at 3.30 P.M.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING
WEEK.

No. 287, Hongkong Volunteer De-

fence Corps.
Orders by Lieut. Colonel L. G. Bird,
D.S.O., Administrative Commandant,
Hongkong, Friday, 24th June, 1927.

1.—Recruits Parades.

Reference Corps Order No. 1 of
last week all recruits who have not
passed Musketry tests Nos. 1 to 4
will parade for Musketry Instruction
at Volunteer Headquarters at
5.30 p.m. on Tuesday. Dress: Mufti.

2.—Engineer Company.

Spoon shoots under handicap on
Miniature Range at 5.30 p.m. on
Wednesday, 29th June, 1927.
Miniature Range also allotted on
18th July, 1927.

3.—Mounted Infantry Company.

All ranks will parade at Stables
on Wednesday, 30th June, at 5.30 p.m.
Dress: Mufti.

4.—Armoured Car Company.

Machine Gunners will parade at
Volunteer Headquarters on Monday,
27th June at 5.30 p.m. for Machine
Gun Instruction.

Motor Cycle Section will parade
at Volunteer Headquarters on Mon-
day, 27th June at 5.30 p.m. for
Machine Gun Instruction, under
2/Lieut. J. E. Hancock.

5.—Infantry Company.

On Friday, 8th July at 5.30 p.m.
All N.C.O.s and other ranks as de-
tailed by O.C. Company will parade
at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30
p.m. for a special N.C.O.s Course of
Training in Vickers Gun.

6.—Scottish Company.

Special Machine Gun Class as al-
ready detailed in previous orders
will assemble at Volunteer Head-
quarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday,
28th June, 1927.
Thursday, 30th June, at 5.30 p.m.
Vickers Gun Instruction at Platoon
Headquarters.

Parades.—No parades will be held
during the months of July and
August. Parades are at the dis-
posal of their commanders who may
hold such parades as they consider
fit. Attendances at these parades
will count towards a man's efficiency
in the Corps, but will not count as
points in the Taikoo Cup Competi-
tion.

7.—No. 4 Platoon.

All ranks will parade at Volun-
teer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on
Monday, 27th June and Thursday,
30th June for Musketry Instruction.
Dress: Mufti.

8.—Portuguese Company.

The Company will parade at
Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on
Friday, 24th June for Lewis Gun
Instruction. Overall to be drawn
from Store.

Musketry.—Sunday, 26th June, at
Peak Range by those specially de-
tailed by C. S. M. Rodrigues. Fir-
ing commences at 9 a.m. Last Car
up 8.30 a.m. Rendezvous at Peak
Terminus. Dress: Mufti, belt,
braces, pouches and frog.
Rifles and bayonets to be drawn
from Corps Headquarters on Friday,
25th June.

9.—Holiday.

Friday, 1st July, 1927, will be ob-
served as a Holiday, no parades will
be held on that day.
Orders for next week will be pub-
lished on Thursday, 30th June, in-
stead of Friday, 1st July, 1927.

10.—Rifles and Bayonets.

These members of the Corps now
in possession of rifles and bayonets
must return them to Volunteer Store
immediately for inspection by the
Armourer.

11.—Strength.

The following are taken on the
strength and posted as under:
No. 1,260 Gunner, J. C. Reed, Ar-
tillery Co., dated 16th June, 1927.
No. 1,261 Gunner, H. F. Sullivan,
Artillery Co., dated 16th June, 1927.

12.—Appointments.

No. 1,113 Pte. L. Raptis, and No.
1,019 Pte. G. E. Bell, No. 4 Platoon
are appointed Lance Corporals, as
from 21st June, 1927.

13.—Long Service Medal.

His Excellency the Governor has
awarded the Colonial Auxiliary
Force Long Service Medal to No.
176 Pte. M. Manuk of the Reserve
Company, H.K.V.D.C. on 13th June,
1927.

14.—Struck-off.

The following are struck off the
strength:
No. 1,039 Pte. F. B. Jones, No. 1
Platoon as from 4th May, 1927.
No. 899 L/Cpl. A. J. Raptis, No.
4 Platoon, as from 21st June, 1927.
No. 984 L/Cpl. C. Mohr, No. 4
Platoon, as from 21st June, 1927.
No. 1,133 Pte. D. P. Xavier, No.
9 Platoon, as from 17th June, 1927.

15.—Leave.

The following are granted leave
of absence from the Corps:
No. 658 Pte. A. Allison, Reserve
Co., from 16th June, 1927 to 15th
December, 1927.
No. 26 Pte. J. L. McPherson, Re-
serve Co., from 24th June, 1927 to
21st July, 1927.
No. 583 Pte. W. Ironside, Reserve
Co., from 16th June, 1927 to 20th
June, 1927.
No. 579 Pte. R. W. Stoddart, Re-
serve Co., from 17th June, 1927 to
23rd June, 1927.
No. 801 Pte. R. F. Forbes, Re-
serve Co., from 18th June, 1927 to
30th June, 1927.

THE COLONY'S FINANCES.

(Continued From Page 8.)

The Outlook.

Revenue up to date has come in
slowly and we were at the end of
our 23rd week, with nearly half
the year gone, about \$400,000
short of our Estimates, and should
this continue throughout the year
we should find our deficit increased
by some nine lakhs. There is,
however, reason to believe that
revenue will improve in the latter
half of the year and that death
duties alone will wipe out a large
part of the deficit.

The Colony's financial position,
Sir, is sound, but the most careful
economy is essential and will be
essential for a year or two more
if we are to avoid the necessity
for increased taxation. The out-
look to-day is more hopeful than
it has been for a long time past,
and if we husband our resources
carefully we can look forward to
the future with the utmost con-
fidence.

I now formally move the first
reading of an Ordinance to
authorize the Appropriation of a
Supplementary Sum of One million
and eighty-three thousand eight
hundred and ninety-two Dollars
and forty-two Cents to defray the
Charges of the year 1926.

The Colonial Treasurer second-
ed and the Bill was read a first
time.

PROTECTING REVENUE.

The Avoidance of Payment of
Duties.

COMMUNITY SUFFERS.

The Attorney General moved
the first reading of the Bill in-
titled "An Ordinance to protect
the Revenue of the Colony." He
said: "This Bill Sir, might, with
equal appropriateness, be called
a Bill to protect the community
against the case 'of individuals
who would otherwise be able to
avoid payment of duties and other
taxes which the community,
through its Legislature, intended
that they should pay. Such
avoidance of payment of duty,
may, of course, be quite legal and
may be quite justifiable from the
point of view of the person who
avoids payment, but it is unde-
sirable from the point of view of
the community, and no less unde-
sirable because there is no means
of ensuring that the duty or tax
avoided will be avoided for the
benefit of the consumer. The
benefit may be taken entirely by
the importer, although, of course,
one knows there are many cases
where importers give consumers
the benefit of higher exchange or
lower duties."

It seems to be thought by some
that this Bill is an abridgement of
the rights of the public in some
way. Instead of that, Sir, I think
it is rather an enlargement of the
opportunities of the public for the
proper discussion of proposals to
increase duties and taxes. At
present it is essential that any
proposal to increase such taxes as
the liquor duties, should be intro-
duced suddenly and without any
previous publicity, otherwise, of
course, importers might clear
stocks in hand and so avoid pay-
ment of increased duties.

The result of that is this; that
when the proposal comes before the
Legislative Council, everyone feels
the matter must be disposed of
immediately and there is a
temptation to give the matter less
careful consideration in Council
than if ample time were avail-
able.

The proposal of this Bill is
that when any scheme to increase
duties is to be put forward, the
Government can bring the increas-
ed duties into operation at once.
That order of the Governor is not
permanent, it is provisional and
temporary, and before it ceases
to have effect there is ample time
for the fullest discussion amongst
the community, the Press, and the
Council, of the new proposals. If
they are adopted, of course the
new duties remain in force. If
the proposal is not adopted, then
the former position is restored,
and any duty, paid in excess is to
be refunded.

This Ordinance was suggested
last October when the local duties
were raised and it was made per-
fectly general so as to include all
forms of revenue.

The Colonial Secretary seconded
and the Bill was read a first time.
The Council adjourned until
Thursday next.

No. 1,044 Pte. E. T. S. Zimmern,
A.C. Co. from 25th June, 1927 to
31st January, 1928.

R. A. WOLFE-MURRAY, MAJOR,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICE.

A demonstration in conveying
wounded by motor car will be given
at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.
on Wednesday, 29th June.
All ranks who are interested
should attend.

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

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of the Hongkong and Kowloon
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at Kowloon, whence and/or from the
wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded
unless notice to the contrary be given
before 22nd instant.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
28th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the vessel must
be presented to the undersigned on or
before the 8th prox. or they will not
be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the
28th inst. at 10 a.m. by our
surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Doug-
lass.

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The Cargo will be ready for delivery
from Godown on and after 23rd June.

Optional cargo will not be
landed here, unless notice has
been given prior to steamer's
arrival, but carried on from
port to port to the final port of call
to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on any
Tuesdays and Fridays between the
hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within
the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the steamer's
Godown, and all Goods remaining un-
delivered after the 29th June, will be
subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the undersigned
on or before the 13th July or they
will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, June 22, 1927.

PROPERTY SALE.

BRISK BIDDING FOR JARDINE
BAZAAR LOT.

Property situated in "Jardine
Bazaar" was put up for sale yester-
day by Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa at
the China Auction Rooms, and
with a fair number present, bid-
ding was brisk.

The lot in question was a lease-
hold, comprising Inland lot No.
329, together with the building
thereon known as No. 54 Jardine
Bazaar and held for the unexpired
residue of a term of 999
years from June 1847, having an
area of 1,060 square feet at an an-
nual Crown Rental of \$58.

The opening bid was one of
\$8,000, with raises of \$200 as the
"minimum. Many heavier bids
were made to the \$11,000 mark,
but thereafter were at the low
limit. The sale was concluded in
favour of Mr. Liu Chung Ping at
\$12,600.

QUEEN'S ROAD TREES.

REMOVAL BEING
CONSIDERED.

Considering certain trees in
Queen's Road Central between the
Royal Naval Yard and the Victo-
ria Barracks as dangerous to
motor traffic, the C. S. P. Hon. Mr.
E. D. C. Wolfe has caused them to
be marked with white chalk.

The cutting down of these trees
is now being considered by His Ex-
cellency the Governor but en-
quiries show that no decision has
been arrived at as yet.

It is explained that the marks on
the trees simply indicate which
particular trees are considered to
be obstructing the traffic.

A copy of the original edition of
the "Seven Pillars of Wisdom," by
Col. Lawrence, was sold by Har-
rods to a private purchaser for
\$420. Only 100 copies were
originally printed. One exhibited
in New York early in March was
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EMPEROR OF ASIA	Sept. 14	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Oct. 2
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Oct. 5	Oct. 8	Oct. 11	Oct. 14	Oct. 23
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Oct. 26	Oct. 29	Nov. 1	Nov. 4	Nov. 13
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Nov. 16	Nov. 19	Nov. 22	Nov. 25	Dec. 4
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KASHGAR	9,005	8th July	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
NYANZA	7,023	8th July	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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Unotaro and Edo only secured six games while Fujita and Koyama won two more, although they won one set.

The full results were:

Ng Sze-chong and M. W. Lo lost to Honda and Ema 5-6; beat Unotaro and Edo 9-2; lost to Fujita and Koyama 5-6.

Ng Sze-kwong and Lu Tak-chau lost to Honda and Ema 4-7; beat Unotaro and Edo 8-3; beat Fujita and Koyama 10-1.

Yew Man-kit and Lau Man-ching lost to Honda and Ema 5-6; beat Unotaro and Edo 10-1; beat Fujita and Koyama 10-1.

Total: Chinese R. C. 66, M. B. K. 33.

The positions of the various clubs in the "A" Division are as follows:

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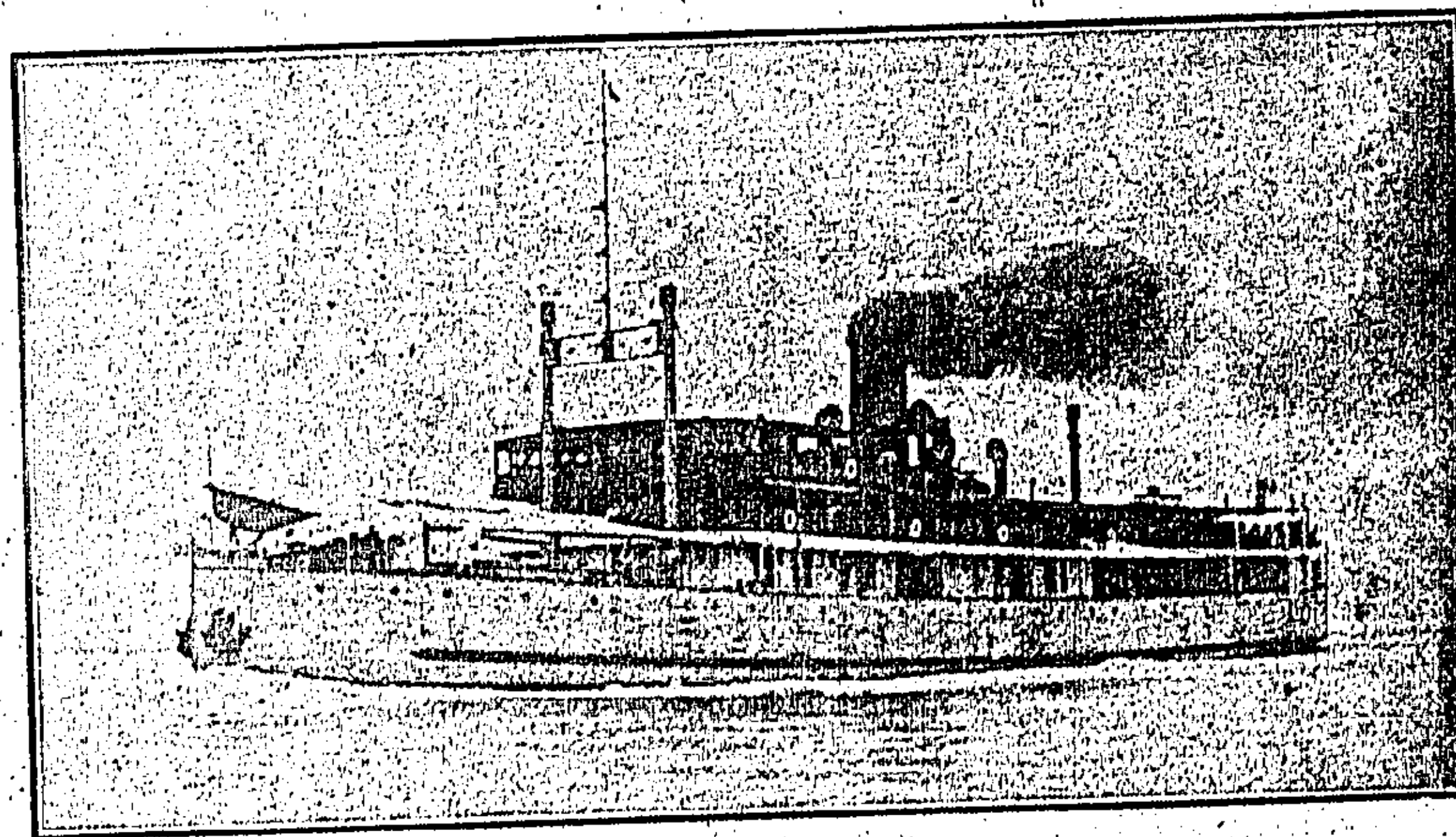
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DRUGS IN SIAM.

SUPPRESSION OF THE
OPIUM TRADE.

CURIOUS ENIGMA SHOWN.

A state of affairs has been disclosed here in connexion with the opium question that demands immediate investigation, writes the Bangkok correspondent of the *Straits Times*. Siam is a signatory to the Opium Agreement of 1925 signed at Geneva, and under it she binds herself to suppress the trade in opium at the earliest possible moment.

Siam has ratified the Agreement, but she has not done so without reservation. She has made a reservation with regard to the sale of dross. The League of Nations is not at all favourably inclined to the sale of dross, and aims at its complete suppression at this stage. But the case presented by Siam is on the face of it, with plausibility. Hitherto dross has been consumed by the poorer addicts. They have not been able to purchase the opium, and have had to have recourse to the dross. Siam's argument is that if it is considered necessary to bring about gradually the suppression of opium consumption, it is equally necessary to bring about the suppression of the consumption of dross on an equally gradual plane. If a man is an addict and he has been in the habit of using dross—a habit that has been forced upon him from economic stress, for no one would prefer the dross to the real opium with any choice at hand—requires the same consideration as the man who has been in the habit of consuming the real opium. That sounds logically correct.

Siam's Case for Dross.

Siam holds that if dross is suppressed there will be a large section of people unable to obtain the supplies to which they have become accustomed, and who are liable to turn to crime in order to satisfy their craving, on the ground that if they are not permitted to continue to use the dross, which falls within their economic sphere, they will be compelled to widen that sphere in order to enable them to buy the opium.

I understand that that roughly is the case presented by Siam. And on the face of it it does not lack plausibility. The argument, that the dross addict requires equal consideration with the opium addict while not untenable, at least carries more than a fair measure of reason. In other words, it may be said, without being illogical, if the League of Nations is prepared to accept the case for the opium addict it must be prepared also to accept the case for the dross addict. Opium and dross are employed for the needs of the argument as being quite distinct, though the dross is but the residue of the opium and must be regarded really as opium.

Grounds for Reservation. It was on these grounds that Siam made her reservation regarding dross. But assuming that her case is supportable, we have to investigate her method of application. There are nine State opium depots in Bangkok, from which the numerous divans draw their supplies. There is Government control of depots and divans. The system is that the Government have engaged to buy back from the divans all their dross at a price of one-third the cost of the opium. Formerly dross was sold in the divans and was smoked there. Now the supposition is that dross is only procurable at State depots and only by certified addicts. It is to be taken that the aim is to sell the dross only to those people who have been in the habit of consuming it, and that as they pass away, the number of people to whom it can be sold will become fewer, until in the process of time the trade in dross will diminish to a very unimportant point. The system is built on the principle of registration.

If dross must be sold, it will be said that this system seems to answer the case most satisfactorily. It confines the use of dross to recognised addicts, and operates towards the gradual suppression of the trade. That is the theory.

Certification of Addicts.

But what are the actual facts? At the moment there is no attempt to certify addicts. Anyone can purchase dross. Not only that, but he can purchase it at divans, which are not supposed to trade in it once they have sold it to the Government. The dross is treated by the Government Opium Department and is issued in the form of small tablets, which are retailed at 10 cents each. It has been proved conclusively that these tablets can be bought at divans, and without any difficulty. There is no attempt to give satisfaction that one is an addict. No questions are asked. The purchase is an open

PROMENADE CONCERT.

BOOKING OF SEATS
UNNECESSARY.

To-morrow night's Promenade Concert by the Band of the 1st Battalion, the Cameronians, has aroused much interest, and it is expected that a large number of people will attend. There have been a number of enquiries regarding booking, but on account of the large area of the gardens in the vicinity of the bandstand, the reservation of seats is quite unnecessary. There will be about one thousand chairs dotted about under the trees and palms, so that those who desire to promenade or view the gardens, will not be penalised by losing their seats, but will be able to find plenty of chairs in whichever particular part of the garden they favour. The illuminations have been increased, and by night the scene is really enchanting. Should the weather prove unsuitable, the concert will be held in the Lee Theatre which adjoins the gardens. The entertainment is under the patronage of H.E. the Governor.

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purchase, without any restrictions whatever.

That is wholly opposed to the aim of the League of Nations. It is wholly at variance with the spirit of the engagement into which Siam has entered. It completely upsets the case Siam herself presented. Remember that she argued in favour of the use of dross on the ground that addicts could not be cut off suddenly without injury to themselves and danger to the country. It was to meet this class of people that they made their reservation.

Very well. If the Government was determined to bide within the terms of the undertaking it should never have allowed dross to be obtained by all and sundry without question. It may be said that previously when dross was sold in divans it could be obtained by anyone who cared to buy it. But the situation has changed since then, for Siam was not bound by the Geneva obligations she has since entered into.

Another Serious Aspect. There is another serious aspect of the case. A little over four years ago the Government introduced the Harmful Habit Forming Drugs Law, under which it was set out that certain drugs could be obtained only under heavy restrictions. Morphine was one of these drugs. There is nothing to be said against this Law and a great deal to be said in its favour. It set up a very necessary control of drugs that constantly used were a serious menace to the moral and physical well being of the users. It has been pointed out that the State is issuing dross in the form of tablets, retailed at 10 cents each. Each of these tablets contains 6 per cent. of morphine, a derivative of opium.

We thus find that while there is a harmful habit-forming drug law, restricting the use of such drugs, and imposing a very effective control, it is possible under the system of the sale of dross instituted by the Government to obtain morphine in fair quantities without any other whatever. That is a serious situation, and one that Siam cannot possibly sustain.

There, therefore, are two points to answer. One is that dross is obtainable at present by anyone who cares to purchase it. The other is that though morphine, cocaine and other drugs can be bought only under very great restriction, and though any person in possession of any such drug who cannot produce satisfactory evidence that the drug was obtained, and held, under the provisions of the law, is liable to prosecution, the public can, by the simple procedure of buying dross, obtain as much morphine as required. Who shall find an answer to this vast and foolish enigma?

CANTON TAKES
PRECAUTION.

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and that he is shortly to start a *Ching-Tang* or "Purge the Party" movement in Honan province.

Hankow Intrigue.

A Nanking report states that at a military conference in Hankow, General Ho Chien, an anti-"Red" commander, suggested to General Tang Seng-chi that he should shift all the responsibility for the faults of the "Red" administration to Mr. Wang Ching-wel.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

NO JUNE 23RD INCIDENT.

Everything Passes Off Quietly.

Shanghai, June 23. The British Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt returned General Chang's call to-day, and was accorded a most cordial reception.

General Chang is the Nationalist Commissioner of Defence at Shanghai.

June 23rd passed off entirely without incident, the situation remaining unchanged.

News from the Yangtze ports is to the same effect, there being nothing out of the ordinary to report.—*Naval Wireless*.

COAST PORT NEWS.

Foochow Shopkeepers on Strike.

Foochow, June 23. The strike of shopkeepers in protest against the Shop Signs Tax still continues and the efforts of the emissary from Nanking have so far proved unavailing. The anti-Japanese movement appears to be spreading in Foochow.—*Naval Wireless*.

Peaceful Procession.

Amoy, June 23. Demonstrations and processions were held yesterday in commemoration of the Shakes shooting affair, and in protest against the landing of Japanese troops in China. The police measures proved effective, and the demonstration passed off without untoward incident.

It is stated that a rigorous anti-Japanese boycott is being planned.—*Naval Wireless*.

HANKOW MONEY.

To Pay British Loan.

Hankow, June 23. The Nationalist paper, the *Peoples Tribune*, states that the half-yearly interest on debentures issued by the British Municipal Council will be paid on June 30, in Central Bank notes, which at present stand at a discount of 40 per cent.

A new issue of locally-printed currency notes appeared in circulation yesterday.—*Reuter*.

BALKANS FERMENT.

POWERS TAKE ACTION.

Belgrade, June 23. The Italian, French and German Ministers, and the British Charge d'Affaires, have presented the Yugo-Slav Government with separate identic Notes, demanding that the dispute between Albania and Yugo-Slavia shall be settled by the release of the arrested dragoman Juraskovitch (who was arrested by the Albanian police on a charge of spying) simultaneously with a modification of the terms of the Yugo-Slav Note to Albania of May 30, which the Albanian Government considered insulting.

The Foreign Minister has intimated that Yugo-Slavia will accept the suggestion.—*Reuter*.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. The coloured circle which, composed of muscle fibres, surrounds the pupil of the eye. 2. Sunday, June 19, 1816. 3. Hilary (January to March), Easter (April and May), Trinity (May to July), Michaelmas (October to December). 4. The Goddess of Corn. 5. Twenty-nine thousand and two feet. 6. Egbert, who began to reign in A.D. 827. 7. Sumner, by which a lever is sustained. 8. H. F. Lyte. 9. Forty-six miles. 10. New South Wales. 11. A fictitious name, as that adopted by a writer. 12. Emerson. 13. Guineapig. 14. "David Copperfield." 15. Staff, or crook, of a bishop, carried before him on special ceremonial occasions, and generally richly decorated.

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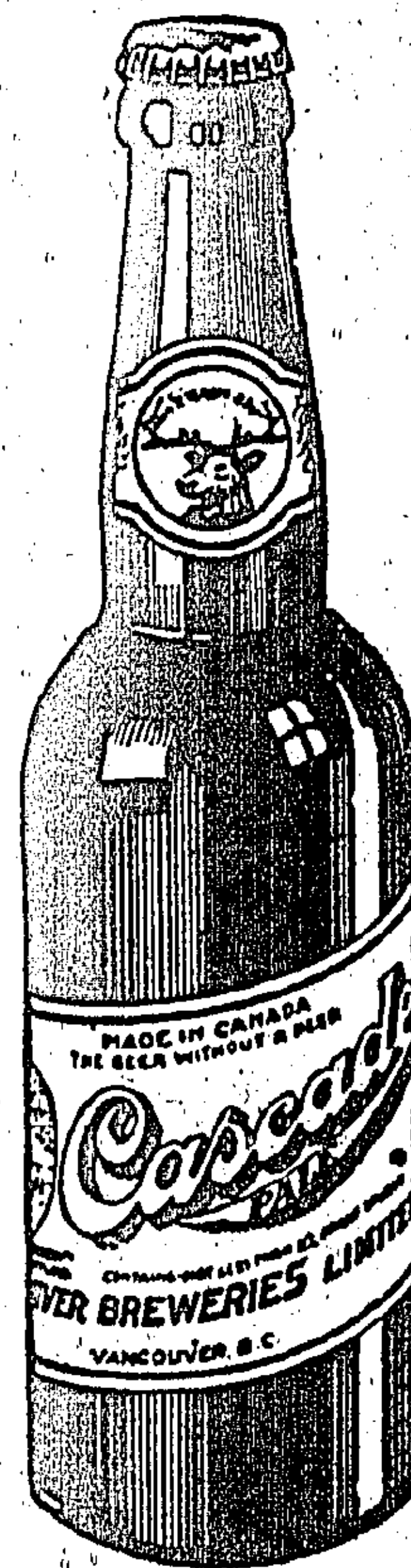
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He added that even in these days, when women took a great share in the affairs of the moment, the profession of marriage and housekeeping was still a highly honourable one and one which women counted upon. Most of them preferred to have a husband and children to look after.